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The Golan Heights row: what happens after Jan. 5?

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the wake of bitter recriminations between Israel and the U.S. over the extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights, the scene will now probably shift to the United Nations and to Tunis, Tunisia.

Unanimously condemning Israel for annexing the 450 square mile volcanic plateau, the UN declared Israel's abrupt action "null and void and without international legal effect."

The Security Council will meet no later than Jan. 5 to consider "appropriate measures" under the UN charter if Israel does not rescind the annexation. Syria, which described Israel's measure as "an act of war," says it will demand the imposition of sanctions against Israel if it is not rescinded.

Israel's Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, said in a defiant speech that the Golan law "will remain in effect. There is no power on earth that can bring its cancellation."

Although Israel's relations with the U.S. have been severely strained by this episode, the Reagan administration is not expected to support Syria's call for sanctions. Cognizant of this, Syria has convinced the Arab League to convene an emergency meeting in Tunis next week.

The Arab world has universally condemned the annexation — as has the West, including Canada — but it is doubtful whether the Arabs can do more than fling verbal abuse at Israel. Egypt, for its part, has said that it continues to abide by its treaty with Israel and is committed to the Camp David process.

Syria has already indicated that it expects more than mere words of condemnation from the Arab League. Gen. Hafez Assad, the Syrian president, has not threatened outright war to annul the annexation. But, despite the poor weather currently prevailing on the Golan Heights, the possibility of a military confrontation exists.

Israel is taking no chances, having dispatched fresh troops to the Golan Heights.

This much, however, is certain. Israel's sudden move — which surprised everyone, including the Israeli ambassador in Washington, who apparently heard the news on the radio — has shaken the foundations of Israeli-U.S. ties.

Washington, accusing Israel of distracting global attention from the Polish crisis and of violating UN resolution 242, not only voted against the Israelis at the Security Council, for the second time since June. The U.S. suspended its new strategic co-operation agreement with Israel and cancelled discussions on buying $200 million worth of Israeli military supplies.

Israel's defence minister, Ariel Sharon, accused the U.S. of damaging Israel's security and raised doubts about its commitment to the Camp David process. Begin himself, in a blistering attack, told the U.S. ambassador in Tel Aviv: "You have no right to punish Israel . . . Are we your vassal state? Are we a banana republic?"

Cancelling Israel's strategic co-operation pact with the U.S., Begin said Israel could live without it, as it has done for the past 3,700 years.

Seeking to defuse what observers call the worst crisis in Israeli-U.S. relations in recent years, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said in a TV interview that the two countries' historic friendship remained intact. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger — whom the Israelis do not necessarily regard as a friend — voiced similar sentiments.

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Begin rammed through the Golan legislation in about six hours. Sixty three MKs voted for it — including eight members of the Labor Party — and 21 were opposed. Labor boycotted the session. Its leader, Shimon Peres, was caught unawares in New York. Agudat Israel, a member of the governing Likud coalition, abstained because it did not have the time for consultations.

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No CJN on Dec. 31

Because of holiday disruptions in the mail service, The CJN will NOT publish on Dec. 31. The first issue of 1982 will be out on Jan. 7.

Editorial deadline for the Jan. 7 issue is TUESDAY NOON, Dec. 29 in Toronto. Advertising deadline for this issue: Tuesday, 2 p.m., Dec. 29.

[Howard Kay photo]

Ida Amsel chats with police officers Jean Belanger and Norman Duval, outside the Golden Age Centre. Increased police protection in Montreal's Snowdon area has eased worries among the elderly about walking the streets.

Security for elderly stepped up, Snowdon's streets are safer

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Because of both heightened police visibility and increased information and advice on how best to protect themselves, elderly residents of the Snowdon area are beginning to feel more secure about venturing out of their homes and apartments to attend an event, do their shopping or just take a walk.

However, emphasized Joseph Zelman, who, with Clara Luchow, chairs the 12-member Committee for Safer Streets of the Golden Age Association, secure should not mean complacent, and "already our people are starting to forget what can happen if you are not constantly on guard."

The committee and the heightened police security began last spring following the murder of 86-year-old Ida Mendelsohn during a purse-snatching incident on her way home from a Passover seder at the Golden Age Association on Westbury Ave.

A large proportion of elderly, many of whom are Jewish, live in that area, either in small apartments or in the community-subsidized Harry Bronfman Square.

As well, the block intersection Cote Ste. Catherine Rd. and Westbury includes the Jewish Public Library, located in the Allied Jewish Community Services building; the Golden Age Association; the YM-YWHA; and the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

According to Zelman and committee members Sam Rosenburg and Allan Herscovitch, the job of the committee is to provide information and tips on security to the elderly so they may walk the streets more safely.

Last week, in fact, said Herb Finkleberg, executive director of the GAA, a meeting was held with representatives from le Centre local des services communautaires (CLSC), Project Genesis and representatives from police Station 31 to ensure that information on security reaches as many elderly as possible without duplicating services. Officials of the Y, although unable to attend the meeting, will also be involved in the coordinated effort.

A large factor in the security of the area's elderly has been the increased visibility of Station 31 police.

According to Constable Robert Bouchard, who spends much of his time dealing with community relations, there are now more special patrols on the street both in cars and on foot.

As well, after an evening's event, there is a patrol car stationed at the building to ensure that people feel protected on their way home.

"Things are far better now," said Bouchard. "Because of the many street security conferences (there have been 30 with more than 2,000 persons attending) and special events such as the setting up of kiosks and booths with information material, the elderly are much more knowledgeable and know what to do in case of trouble.

"What we are working on now," Bouchard added, is to encourage the elderly to contact police more readily if they feel insecure for any reason."

The Committee for Safer Streets is also moving into new areas, said Zelman. "We want safety for all senior citizens at all times," he said. "We are working on creating buddy systems and encouraging the placement of better locks on all doors.

"Although the police are co-operating, they themselves say, 'Do not rely on us alone.'"

For more information, call 739-4731 and ask for the Committee for Safer Streets (in Montreal).

CJC plans action on Falashas

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress unveiled a plan of action on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry at a recent briefing session for Jewish community leadership. [A similar meeting was held later in Toronto.]

The plan calls for federations in Canada to establish special projects for resettlement in Israel of Ethiopian Jews, similar to Project Renewal. (Project Renewal is a massive slum rehabilitation effort in Israel.)

Israel-based organizations should also be encouraged to create such Ethiopian jewry programs, says CJC.

Other activities CJC intends to carry out on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry include closely monitoring developments, sensitizing the Jewish community at large and its leadership through public meetings and publications, as well as general public opinion. CJC will also become involved in the reunification of families.

This plan, recently approved by the CJC national council, was presented by President Irwin Cotler to the approximately 150 persons who attended the meeting.

Cotler described the worsening conditions of Jews in Ethiopia but maintained that using the term "holocaust" to describe their situation "demeans the true significance of the Jewish tragedy."

He also cautioned against "systematic criticism" of Israel on the Ethiopian Jewry issue.

Also speaking at the meeting were David Ariel, Israeli consul-general in Toronto, and Wendy Schelew, also of Toronto, who recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia.

Quebec organizations are queried: Should CJC drop apolitical stance?

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, has sent a memo to rabbis and presidents of major Jewish organizations asking them to find out if their memberships want the Jewish community to take a stand on the issues currently facing the broader English-speaking community in Quebec.

The 2½-page memo is from CJC Quebec Region chairman Frank Schlesinger and Marlene Richman, chairman of the Community Relations Committee.

"The time has come for us to consider whether the CJC, as the spokesman for Quebec Jews, should publicly address some of those issues of concern to all English-speaking and many French-speaking Quebecers, on which we have had little success in our government relations," states the memo.

With the recent formation of a coalition of anglophone and ethnic groups to lobby more vocally for minority rights and the more heightened public criticism in general of the Quebec government's policies affecting non-francophones, CJC has come under increasing pressure from the rank-and-file of the Jewish community to make its stand known.

CJC has traditionally been apolitical and avoided membership in groupings of other minorities, although it has maintained an observer status with the Council of Quebec Minorities, for example.

In the face of changing circumstances, CJC wants to find out if this is what the community still wishes.

Schlesinger and Richman explained: "While some of (the broader English community's) objectives are consistent with and similar to ours, it has long been a position in the Jewish community to maintain its independence and freedom of action by avoiding binding formal coalitions with others.

"Only in this way can we stake out a definable Jewish Position, responding to Jewish needs. Only in this way can we remain able to speak out and act in the specific interests of the Jewish community."

Even if CJC should decide to make public the concerns of Jews, as members of the anglophone community, "we will do so as the Jewish community, independently of any other groups, and in our own right, although our positions may be in some respects similar to those of other groups."

To date, CJC, say Schlesinger and Richman, has been "quite successful" in its representations to the government on specifically Jewish issues, such as maintenance of Jewish control over Jewish social service, health care and educational institutions.

"On issues relating to language, and specifically to English and its place in Quebec life, our efforts have met with a far lesser degree of success."

For 13 years, CJC's position has been that French should be the "primary common and public language of Quebec life" but at the same time this must not "prevent or impede the existence and vibrancy of other languages and cultures in Quebec," says the memo.

Victor Kugler dies at 81

Final tribute to a brave man

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

Victor Kugler, the man who helped hide Anne Frank, her family, and four other Jews during World War II, died here last week at the age of 81.

Kugler, a native of Austria who moved to Holland, managed a spice business with Anne's father, Otto, in Amsterdam. In July, 1942, the Frank family went into hiding with the Van Daans and later Albert Dussel, in the building where the business was located.

Kugler and others who worked with Frank provided food and supplies to the residents in the "secret annex" for 25 months.

In August, 1944, the hidden occupants were discovered and all died in concentration camps except for Mr. Frank.

Kugler, who was referred to as Kraler in the diary, was also sent to a camp but managed to escape and hide until Holland was liberated.

In 1955, he came to live in Toronto with his wife Lucy.

Since that time, Kugler received awards for his humanitarianism, including the Nicholas and Hedy Munk Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in November 1977, and the Burton Joseph Award the following year.

Louis Mayzel, a friend of Kugler's, said a tree was planted at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in his honor a few years ago.

And last year, Kugler was the subject of a CBC film entitled "The Man Who Hid Anne Frank."

When asked in 1977 why he helped the Franks, Kugler answered: "They were my friends, what else could I do?"

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, said in his eulogy that Kugler could never understand why the honors were given to him. Pearlson said Kugler used to say, "I don't understand what all of the fuss is about."

The rabbi added that because of Kugler, whom he called a humble human being, "there is more than ashes, there is a book . . . a child's voice that cries out and says remember."

At one point in her diary, Anne wrote what it was like to live in the attic. "Miep (a woman who helped hide the families) and Kraler (Kugler) carry the heaviest burden of the eight in hiding, Miep in all she does, and Kraler through the enormous responsibility, which is sometimes so much for him that he can hardly talk from pent-up nerves and strain."

Rev. Victor Wood of Westway United Church, who conducted the funeral service in the Ward Funeral Home, said Kugler was a man of many talents who studied languages, was an amateur photographer, and enjoyed addressing school children.

"He was not forgotten by his own people or by the Jewish community," and that is a great tribute, said Wood.

The Dutch consul-general, Tom Kasteel, and a counselor and Israeli consul-general David Ariel joined the friends, relatives and members of the clergy who attended the funeral.

As the casket was removed from the funeral home, 11 men from the Jewish War Veterans and the General Wingate Branch of Canadian Legion formed an honor guard.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

As Victor Kugler's coffin is carried out of Toronto funeral home, members of the Jewish War Veterans and the General Wingate Branch of the Canadian Legion form an honor guard. Kugler was the man who helped hide Anne Frank and her family during World War II.

Greece extends recognition to PLO — and in Brazil, PLO making gains

ATHENS

[JTA AND STAFF] —

Greece has upgraded the level of the PLO mission here to that enjoyed by Israel. Greece recognizes Israel only de facto and not de jure.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou made the announcement as PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat wound up a 3-day visit to the Greek capital.

"I wish to thank Mr. Papandreou for this and for his strong support to the PLO and the Palestinian people," Arafat said.

Arafat, in Greece at the invitation of the new Socialist government, dwelt on the upgrading of the PLO office in his talks with Papandreou. The PLO leader described as "historic and strategic" the relations between his organization and Greece.

Greece is expected to improve its relations with the Arab world as a result of Arafat's visit. Traditionally, Greece has been a bridge between Europe and the Middle East. It is the only nation belonging to the European Economic Community which does not have full ambassadorial relations with Israel.

Meanwhile, in Brazil, a pro-PLO group — the Parliamentary League For Arab-Brazil Friendship — has been installed in that country's Chamber of Deputies.

Over 100 members of the Brazilian Congress, from both the ranks of the government and the opposition, have joined the league, which plans to submit a draft resolution for the formalization of its status as a parliamentary bloc.

This development was disclosed by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Rosenthal said the PLO representative in Brazil is now campaigning for the establishment of a separate PLO office there.

In a third development, Yasser Arafat reversed his decision to attend the International Convention on Jerusalem, held last week in Rome.

Arafat had been invited by the Italian-Arab Friendship Society, but the Italian government made it clear that no official invitation would be forthcoming.

Appointed to Order

OTTAWA —

Charles Bronfman, of Montreal, and Morris Shumiatcher of Regina were named Officers of the Order of Canada last week, according to an announcement from Government House.

Named as a Member of the Order was Leon Major, Toronto.

In all, 65 appointments were made in the latest list.

2-digit inflation likely for Israel

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Israel might, with luck, be able to keep its inflation rate for calendar year 1981 down to two digits, economic experts said last week after publication of official inflation figures for November.

The November figure was 5.8%, bringing the 12-month total for November-to-November to 103.6%. But the December-to-December figure may be below 100% if the government succeeds in maintaining the present slight downward trend, these experts said.

But Histadrut secretary-general Yeruham Meshel said the monthly inflation figure was no longer a true reflection of the state of the economy because, he claimed, the government was using artifical means to keep it down.

More indicative — and much more worrying to Histadrut — said Meshel, was the unemployment figure: November showed a 14% rise in the number of unemployed over the previous month. Some 40,000 persons sought work at labor exchanges during that month — the highest for the whole of 1981.

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World-National

Seniors should be participating in planning by community

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Since most of my readers would like to live to a ripe old age and many doubtlessly have already gotten there, this column ought to be of rather broad interest. The interest, in fact, is so universal that in 1982 the United Nations will sponsor a world assembly on the subject. The subject: aging.

The Canadian community has an ever-growing population of senior citizens, and the Jewish community, I am told, has an even higher percentage. Soon a third of all Canadian citizens will be over 65. Amongst the Jews — and I suppose amongst other groups as well — those over 70 form the single fastest growing segment of the population!

Rabbi Plaut

Committees in many countries are now at work to contribute to the planning of this world assembly. Here in Canada a federal-provincial group has been consulting with senior associations and is considering 96 recommendations which have been submitted for North American consideration.

I have read them and I am impressed. If only a portion would be carried out, the aged in Canada would have a much more compatible environment in which to live and spend their last years. (Popular parlance has it, of course, that these are their "declining years." That is true for many, but certainly not for all. Plenty of older people meet their Maker in the fulness of their mental capacities and with an adequate modicum of physical strength.)

However, there are some items that I find missing. I see nothing amongst the recommendations about the human rights of the aged, especially their right not to be discriminated against in matters of employment. In Ontario [both under the current and proposed codes], people over 65 are in this respect disenfranchised.

Further, these recommendations are singularly silent on the whole area of age discrimination by stereotyping. If the kinds of things that advertising media say about the aged would be said about ethnic minorities or women we would have a veritable storm on our hands. But the aged are freely portrayed as somewhat daffy; they usually act silly on TV sitcoms and behave like the proverbial old ladies in tennis shoes that comfort themselves like certified fools.

Our aging population deserves better. It needs a sense of dignity which was once supplied by a supportive culture and the norms of the Judeo-Christian ethic. No more. Old is ugly, young is beautiful. Old is useless, young is worthwhile by definition. Old fashioned used to be an accolade, now it has become a pejorative.

The derogation of the aged is subtle and often subliminal, which makes it hard to combat. Here is an opportunity for tackling the issue on a worldwide basis.

Finally, and in many ways most important, is recommendation No. 1 of the draft, which stresses that "the aging should be included as participants in such planning and in the implementation." Indeed they should, but as a matter of fact they generally are not . . . not even in Canada.

Of course, there are seniors' and pensioners' groups with various political and social philosophies who are being consulted and who through their conventions and resolutions are making their voices heard. But when it comes to legislation and to the nitty-gritty planning of the world conference they are merely "consultants;" the real work is done by civil servants who are under 65. For when the latter join the circle of the old they are no longer employed as civil servants.

Which is another way of saying that the aged are, in fact, treated like children. Legislation is being planned for them, not by them, except in a proximate fashion. They are very much like our Native people: others make the laws that concern them — as in the proposed constitution.

It appears to me that no commission, civil service or otherwise, should plan legislation or advise international bodies unless a substantial portion of its membership is composed of the very people for whom the planning is being done. If the aged cannot be civil servants past the age of 65 let them be engaged on a contractual basis, but let them be more than mere advisors and consultants.

Women would raise a row if legislative committees which are to consider matters concerning women would have them participate only on a consulting basis. The same is true for the aged. I don't want others to plan for me whether I decide to wear tennis shoes or not.

Israeli Druse caught in the middle

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's action in extending Israeli law to the Golan Heights has been widely condemned. The reaction has been no different on the volcanic plateau itself. Last week, the Druse inhabitants staged a general strike in a powerful display of their displeasure.

A minority welcomed the extension of Israeli law, administration and jurisdiction on the strategic Golan Heights, which offers a commanding view of northern Galilee. They had been urging the measure on the government for years.

But most of the 13,000 Druse were not happy about it.

The annexation is bound to exacerbate an already troubled situation on the Golan Heights. Ever since the Knesset passed a law in 1980 enabling the minister of interior to grant Israeli citizenship to Druse who apply for it, the region has been wracked by problems.

Approximately 2,000 Druse became citizens, but under pressure from pro-Syrian Druse, about 150 returned their Israeli identification cards.

The pressure took different forms. At the instigation of Druse nationalists, Druse who opted for Israeli citizenship were forbidden to pray at shrines, to attend weddings or funerals or to engage in trade.

Their wives and children were asked to stop speaking to them. In one dramatic case reported by the Israeli press, a father was compelled to take back home his married daughter and her 10 children because her recalcitrant husband insisted on being Israeli.

Druse who became Israeli told of having to travel to northern Galilee to buy supplies, since retailers refused to serve them. And children complained of being insulted and beaten by fellow pupils at schools.

In September, after the Israeli army arrested a handful of Druse on suspicion of inciting the population against the authorities, residents went on strike for the first time in 14 years. Unlike the West Bank or the Gaza strip, the Golan Heights had been fairly tranquil from the Six Day War onward. Only a few Druse had been arrested for espionage activities.

At the request of pro-Syrian leaders, pupils stayed away from classrooms, workers remained at home and some merchants locked the doors of their stores.

Leaflets denouncing Israel's occupation were distributed.

The demonstrations took the Israelis by surprise. Several weeks earlier, the military government and Druse spiritual leaders had reached an agreement, whereby the ministry of the interior would cease issuing Israeli identity cards in return for the cessation of the social and religious ban imposed on those who had already accepted citizenship.

The accord broke down because pro-Syrian Druse were under orders from Damascus to make life difficult for the Israelis.

In the wake of the protests, a call was issued by these Druse not to recognize local councils which had been established with the co-operation of Israel.

Last month, pupils in the village of Massada demanded that the ministry of education remove Hebrew as a compulsory subject. Israel responded by ordering the indefinite closure of the regional high school. Four hundred and thirty students were affected.

As Israel shut the school, pro-Syrian Druse made new demands: the release of Druse detained by the military government, the dismissal of local municipal leaders, and permission to market fruit in Syria.

One of the organizers said in no uncertain terms that Israel must withdraw from Golan "because this territory is Syrian."

The campaign to ostracize Israeli Druse was supported by some Israeli Arabs, notably Tawfik Zayyad, the Communist mayor of Nazareth. The Druse who either returned their ID cards, or declined citizenship altogether, did so out of nationalist reasons or simply because they were frightened. On the Golan Heights, they still recall an incident which occurred during the Yom Kippur War. After a village elder appeared on Israeli TV to praise Israel, Syria hit his house with artillery, killing his wife and injuring his son.

Despite such threats, a surprisingly high number of Druse — who belong to a secretive Islamic sect — took out Israeli citizenship or, in private, voiced sympathy for Israel's occupation. Indeed, they made it known to Israel that it was not doing enough to help Druse who wanted nothing to do with Syria.

Each square is an Israeli settlement.

Salman Abu Saleh, the chairman of a pro-Zionist group, reportedly told the Israelis that Druse who owed their allegiance to Israel were losing ground to pro-Syrians.

By annexing the 450-square mile Golan Heights, with its 6,000 Jewish settlers scattered in 31 settlements, Israel has rallied to the side of these Druse.

But Israel has also dramatized the confrontation which pits them against their pro-Syrian brothers. Under the terms of annexation, Druse still must apply for Israeli citizenship on an individual basis. Now, more than in the past, pro-Israel Druse will be under tremendous strain to retain their Syrian identity.

HIAS agrees to go along with Jewish Agency

NEW YORK [JTA] —

In response to a personal appeal from Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, HIAS — the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society — has agreed to co-operate on a trial basis with a Jewish Agency plan for the handling of Soviet Jews arriving in Vienna.

The plan, under which HIAS will assist Soviet Jewish emigrants only if they have first degree relatives in the U.S. or other Western countries, was introduced by the Jewish Agency last August.

HIAS participation, some terms of which are still to be negotiated, was approved by its board of directors and was announced by Edwin Shapiro, the organization's president.

Shapiro said HIAS would test the plan for a 3-month period starting around Jan. 1 "in the hope that it will result in a heavier flow of Jews from the Soviet Union." He noted that only 1,136 Jews had left the USSR during the past three months — "the lowest number of the last 10 years."

"At the end of three months," Shapiro said, "the results will be evaluated and a determination made about continuing the new policy."

He disclosed that he and HIAS executive vice-president Leonard Seidenman met with Begin in Jerusalem Nov. 22. At that meeting the Israeli leader appealed to the organization to try out the plan.

In a statement, HIAS explained that under a long-standing arrangement between the Jewish Agency and HIAS, Jewish refugees arriving in Vienna from the Soviet Union have been met by Jewish Agency workers and urged to continue on to Israel. Until last August, if they declined to do so, the Jewish Agency referred them to HIAS, which provided assistance in emigrating to lands other than Israel.

"In August, however, the Jewish Agency unilaterally announced it would no longer refer to HIAS those Soviet Jews who on their arrival in Vienna chose not to go to Israel," the HIAS statement said. "The only exceptions were those who had spouses, parents or children in the U.S."

HIAS responded at that time that it was "not prepared to refuse its services to Soviet Jewish emigrants who have not been specifically referred by the Jewish Agency." Since August, HIAS has been assisting such emigrants who have sought its help on their own initiative.

Under the trial plan, the HIAS statement noted, it is expected that Soviet Jews who do not wish to go to Israel will seek the help of other refugee and resettlement organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Funds for Soviet refugee resettlement to the U.S. are furnished largely by the U.S. government.

In Jerusalem, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization executives, welcomed the decision by HIAS to co-operate with the Jewish Agency plan. This arrangement had been in effect last August, but was then dropped by HIAS, he noted.

(During the time it was in effect, many Soviet Jews who would have sought HIAS' aid went instead to the anti-Zionist Satmar Chassidic Rav Tov organization. Dulzin told Israel Radio that even if fewer Soviet Jews sought Rav Tov's aid under the new HIAS arrangement, Jewish organizations in the United States should organize themselves against Rav Tov. "HIAS is part of the national (U.S.) Jewish organizations," Dulzin said. "Rav Tov is an anti-Zionist, anti-Israel organization."

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Refusenik's release urged by parliamentary wives

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

A non-partisan group of parliamentary wives is going to bat for a Refusenik who is now on his way to a Mongolian labor camp that is said to harbor the worst criminals in the USSR.

Penni Collenette, wife of MP David Collenette (Liberal, York East), is chairing a committee of six women that she says will pressure the Soviet government to release Vladimir Tzukerman who has been charged with "defamation of state" and "violation of public order."

Tzukerman is en route in an open convoy to a labor camp in the town of Kizyl near Mongolia where he is to be detained for 2½ years. The journey to the camp, which takes two to three months by convoy, has been described by Nobel literature prize winner, Alexander Solzhenitzyn, as a "most fearful trip."

Members of Mrs. Collenette's committee are: Lucille Broadbent, wife of NDP leader, Ed Broadbent; Jean Crosbie, wife of PC finance critic, John Crosbie; Carol Regan, wife of Liberal minister of sports and fitness, Gerry Regan; Audrey King, wife of Conservative MP Fred King; and Lucille Desmaris, wife of Liberal MP Louis Desmaris.

Mrs. Collenette and her committee members all belong to the Parliamentary Wives Association, a non-partisan parliamentary association of wives of MPs and senators, whose primary focus up until now has been on social and charitable activities rather than political, according to Mrs. Collenette. President of the association of about 300 wives is Carol Regan.

Mrs. Collenette said the parliamentary wives became involved in the Tzukerman case following the Ottawa visit of Inna Tzukerman, 25, wife of the sentenced Refusenik.

While in Ottawa, Mrs. Tzukerman appeared before a meeting of the parliamentary wives which had been called especially to hear what the young wife of the Refusenik had to say. Mrs. Tzukerman was also at a parliamentary luncheon hosted by Liberal MP Jim Peterson (Willowdale).

Mrs. Collenette, 30, said she was "knocked out" by the story of Inna Tzukerman, who is on a country-wide tour of North America and Britain. The tour is sponsored by the Israeli government and Soviet Jewry committees. In Ontario, Inna was hosted by the Ontario Soviet Jewry Committee headed by Jeanette Goldman.

"Up until Inna's visit, I had heard about Anatoly Scharansky and some of the other well-known Refuseniks, but I had no idea of the extent of human rights violations against Soviet Jews," said Mrs. Collenette.

"I was absolutely floored by the statistics of declining emigration and harassment of Refuseniks. I am very intrigued as to why all this is happening. I don't know why the Soviets are so worried about letting the Jews out or why it should be so difficult for them to be free to practice their religion or culture. It is a sick situation," she said.

Resolving to get involved on Tzukerman's behalf, Mrs. Collenette said her committee is considering contacting parliamentary wives all across Canada as well as trying to reach out to the public via the media. A letter has already been sent to wives of all MPs asking them to sign a petition of protest to be sent to the Soviet.

"This is not an issue you just pick up and put down," Mrs. Collenette said. She said her committee will aim to impress the Soviet government that the Canadian public, led by its politicians and spouses, is concerned about human rights violations in the USSR.

While Inna was in Ottawa, Jim Peterson presented a lengthy resolution to Parliament under Standing Order 43, part of which read as follows:

". . . whereas Vladimir Tzukerman's right to leave the USSR is in accordance with the provisions of both Soviet law and the Helsinki Final Act, and whereas he is now being further harassed by the authorities who have moved him from the labor camp to prison without explanation, and whereas Mrs. Tzukerman is in Ottawa today seeking the assistance of Canada and is present in the Speaker's gallery, I move, seconded by the honorable member for Winnipeg North (NDP MP David Orlikow) that this House instruct the government to express to the Soviet authorities its profound regret at this unlawful and inhumane treatment of Vladimir Tzukerman, and that he be permitted immediate reunification with his wife and child and that the Soviet Union respect its international human rights obligations."

The House unanimously adopted Peterson's motion.

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According to Jeanette Goldman, head of the Ontario Soviet Jewry Committee, the latest developments in the Tzukerman case do not bode well for the Refusenik. Goldman revealed that a recent 40-minute TV program portrayed Tzukerman as a traitor who passed important information to foreigners and Western correspondents.

It was suggested on the TV program that Tzukerman had notes about "missiles" which were going to be passed on to the West. Goldman said, however, that the notes came from Tzukerman's days as a student at the Kaliningrad Naval Academy.

The Tzukermans applied for emigration visas in 1977. By various ploys, Inna and the Tzukerman's young son, Alexander, had been granted visas for Israel, but not Vladimir.

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Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: How important and significant is Chanukah in Jewish law?

—Chanukah is not a biblical festival. It was ordained by the Sages of the Talmud, and is classed as a mitzvah de rabbanan. Despite this, its laws must be observed even at great sacrifice. The Shulhan 'Aruch, O. H. 671:1 lays down the rule that "one must be very strict in lighting Chanukah candles. And even the poor man who lives off charity must borrow, or, sell his clothing, and buy oil for the Chanukah illumination."

Rabbi Burak

Rabbi Elazar Landau Z. L., in his introduction to his commentary on Tractate Shekalim of the Jerusalem Talmud, Zikkaron Elazar (Brody, 1906) xxi, points out the intriguing nature of this law. Is a man who has nothing obligated to spend money that he doesn't have?

The Book of Proverbs, 3:9 says: "Honor Hashem with **thy substance**, and with the first fruits of thine increase." This means that only if you have some money in your pocket are you obligated to purchase our ritual objects. If your pockets are empty, you are not to spend money on them . . . not even on the holiest of them.

He cites the Jerusalem Talmud, Tractate Pe'ah, 1:1, 3 B, which states that if you have some money, then buy for yourself a lulav, succah, shofar, and tefillen. But, if you are penniless, you are not obligated to have any one of them. Thus you don't have to sell your clothing in order to buy tefillen. Borrow tefillen from others if you are bankrupt.

But no such excuse is permitted you when it comes to lighting Chanukah candles. Why must the pauper sell his bundle of rags in order to light the candles? What makes them so important?

In the Laws of Passover, O. H. 472:13, there is a similar law. There, too, it is stated that even a beggar must drink the four wine cups at the seder. The local charity fund should supply them to him. But, if the fund is empty, he is obligated to sell his clothing, or hire himself out for the most menial labor, in order to have the four cups of wine. This too is passing strange, for the four wine cups are a rabbinical and not a Torah law.

The same legal principle is laid down in the code, the Laws of the Sabbath, 263:2 as regards to Sabbath candles. He who does not have the money to buy candles for the Sabbath must go out and beg for them. Yet the Magen Avraham, in his commentary on the Code O. H. 651:7 cites our greatest authorities to the effect that one who is hard pressed financially is free from most of the mitzvahs that call for an outlay of money, except for Chanukah candles, the four wine cups for the seder, and Sabbath candles; for them poverty is no excuse. Why not?

The answer lies in the words "pirsumme nissa." It is incumbent upon us to announce to ourselves and to the world the great miracles of Jewish history and experience. This is a grand obligation upon us. We are a people pledged to the marvelous. We have been pronounced dead and gone, time and time again, only to rise from our graves, toss off the earth being shoveled on us, to stand up and say: "We are here in the world of the living, and we shall live in the lands of the living, be'artzos ha-chaim."

Have you ever heard of a people embarking on a revolt under the leadership of a retired, and tired old man? That's what Mattathias was — a very tired, old man. Have you ever heard of armies being led by men not schooled in the arts of war, yet going on to defeat the best soldiers of the day? The Hasmoneans were priests unused to the battlefield, yet they were victorious. That miracle must be publicized by all.

Long before that, the same miracles had been demonstrated in the Exodus from Egypt. A shepherd commanded a Pharaoh to behave like a mensh, and, in the end, Pharaoh cowered before that shepherd, Moses, whom he had earlier threatened to kill. That miracle must not be forgotten by prince or pauper.

So, when a poor man knocks at your door before Chanukah, he is following the halacha; he is asking for money to buy candles for Chaunkah so he can publicize the miracle. If you add a little something for his table, the miracle will be all the greater.

Feller has reported for AFP covering wars, revolutions

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

By the standards of Hollywood hype, Benjamin (Benn) Feller doesn't conform to the image of the fabled, glamourous foreign correspondent.

He's a short, unassuming and unobtrusive fellow. Cigarettes don't dangle from his lips. He doesn't rush around breathlessly. He's been married to the same, homey woman for the past 46 years. He's proud of his legion of grandchildren.

And, horrors of horrors, the man doesn't even wear a trenchcoat.

But Feller, appearances notwithstanding, is the genuine article. He's the foreign correspondent who's covered wars, revolutions, revolts and heads of state. He's the intrepid reporter who's broken news beats. He's the old, reliable standby for whom editors are grateful.

Seventy-one years old, and nearing retirement after a lifetime of thrills and chills, Feller works for Agence France Presse, one of the world's largest wire services.

Feller has reported from Syria, Jordan, Iran and Cyprus. But the country he's written about most is Israel, where he has been a resident foreign correspondent since 1935. Feller has been around for so long that he is doyen a foreign correspondents in Jerusalem, and one of the founders of the Foreign Press Association.

"It's been an absolutely fulfilling and satisfying career," he says.

A native of New York City, Feller began as a freelancer for Yiddish newspapers in the U.S. Zionism impelled him to Palestine, and ambition propelled him to The Palestine Post, the forerunner of The Jerusalem Post.

He's worked for Agence France Presse for 25 years. He's also been employed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the London Evening Standard, the Exchange Telegraph News agency, the International News Service and The Times of London.

Feller has competed with the best in the business — men like Clifton Daniel, Syd Gruson and Homer Bigart.

At Agence France Presse — which primarily serves Europe, Latin America, the Far East and the Middle East — Feller is one of six correspondants who chronicle developments in Israel. His responsibility is Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank.

He writes his copy in English and it is translated into French. Feller is conversant with French — as well as Hebrew and Arabic — but AFP policy is such that English speakers must use their mother tongue in writing the news.

"There's no quota, but I write an average of 1,000 words a day," he says. Feller's stories range from pieces on the economy to those of human interest.

AFP is not generous with bylines, but he doesn't mind the anonymity. His satisfaction comes from knowing that foreign editors around the globe appreciate his work. And he is grateful that his own editors do not "monkey" with his copy, which he churns out at a furious rate.

Ben Feller, foreign correspondent.

Scoops, measured in seconds or minutes, are nothing new to him. He was the first journalist to tell the world about the capture of Adolf Eichmann; the first to report the imminent visit of Pope Paul to the Holy Land; the first to send out a bulletin on the Ben-Gurion Airport terrorist rampage by Japanese terrorists; the first to disclose Moshe Dayan's divorce.

Feller was there when U.S. presidents, secretaries of state and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visited Israel. He was there to greet the Entebbe raiders upon their triumphant return from Uganda. He toured battlefields during the War of Independence, wrote despatches about Israel's other wars and covered Israeli retaliatory raids.

In the 1930s, while on the staff of The Palestine Post, Feller's beat was the Arab Revolt and illegal Jewish immigration. In the mid-1940s, he reported from Beirut and Damascus. "The main story was the independence movements in those countries," he explains.

On the eve of the War of Independence, he interviewed Jordan's King Abudullah (who was later assassinated by Palestinian radicals as he knelt in a Jerusalem mosque). The monarch, who conducted a clandestine meeting with Golda Meir as war clouds loomed, told Feller he was prepared for some sort of an accommodation with a Jewish state in the region.

When Iran was in the throes of revolution and counter-revolution, Feller was posted to Teheran. When Cyprus erupted into violence, he had a front-row seat.

The most dangerous assignment he ever had was during the War of Independence. "Arab artillery was raining shells on Jerusalem and there wasn't a place which didn't bear its marks," he says. Feller was caught in one exchange and came within a whisker of becoming a casualty. His colleague wasn't so lucky. "Before my eyes, he was killed by shrapnel."

He recalls that the burning of Jerusalem's Al Aksa mosque by an Australian in 1968 was another tense moment for him. An Arab mob, fired up by passion, surged toward him. Israeli firefighters saved Feller.

The unification of Jerusalem in 1967 was his most gratifying story. "As a Jew, that was the highlight. We were as dreamers, as they say in Psalms. I was carried away by the euphoria. It gave me even greater satisfaction than the proclamation of Israeli statehood."

In the course of his duties, he's met many personalities, including Charles de Gaulle, David Ben-Gurion, Lester Pearson, John Diefenbaker and Pierre Trudeau.

He has not had much trouble with Israeli censors. "But there were incidents," he says.

Although he is a wire reporter down to the bone, Feller concedes that the demand of constant deadlines leaves little room for reflection. "And when you're on a daily, you know your readership. You can permit yourself a personal touch."

In Feller's opinion, foreign correspondents today are more competent than their predecessors. "Once, they sent half-baked chaps who spent most of their time in bars and who were superficial in their reporting. Now, they go into depth; they research their subjects."

A good correspondent, he says, has the knack of "making statistics talk." He's someone with a good fund of general knowledge. He's curious.

"Those who serve metropolitan publications or news agencies range from good to very good. The class who work for weeklies or denominational papers — the part-time correspondents — range from prejudiced to fair."

He doesn't think that lack of linguistic ability is necessarily a disadvantage, since translation facilities are invariably available from government departments.

Surprisingly, Feller is still an American citizen. "I've retained my U.S. passport for traveling purposes," he remarks. "It's a question of convenience. But I'm an Israeli through and through."

He and his wife, Sali, have three children, one of whom, Yitzhak, is employed by Israel Radio as a journalist. They have numerous grandchildren.

Soon, as he reaches retirement age, Feller may have more time than he has ever had for his family. But he has no intention of vegetating. He has two books in the pipeline — a novel and a reminiscence — and a publisher has expressed interest.

An optimist, he believes that a resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute is not out of the question. As he puts it: "Dr. Chaim Weizmann said impossibility takes a little longer."

In Toronto recently on a private visit, and in Canada for the first time, Feller and his wife were clearly impressed with Toronto and its Jewish community. "Toronto is an eye-opener after the jungle of New York, and Beth Tzedec synagogue is like a city."

"If I stay longer, I might become a yored," he told The CJN.

"Chas veh chalilah," Sali Feller intoned.

Zwaig elected BGU president

MONTREAL —

Montrealer Melvin C. Zwaig was recently elected national president of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He succeeds Gordon L. Echenberg, who held the post for three years.

Melvin Zwaig

Elected as vice-presidents were Harry Walsh of Winnipeg, Stephen Berger of Toronto, Samuel Heller of Vancouver, Martin Levine of Montreal and Irene Walsh of Winnipeg.

Also elected were Thomas O. Hecht of Montreal, secretary; Ronald Levy of Montreal, assistant secretary; Michael Herling of Montreal, treasurer; Jack Israeli of Toronto, assistant treasurer.

In accepting his new post, Zwaig joined other members of the board in praising the efforts of the outgoing president. "Mr. Echenberg's vigorous leadership has been the principal factor in making Ben-Gurion University a well known name on the Canadian scene," he said.

Calling on fellow officers and board members to intensify their efforts on behalf of the university, Zwaig said the institution is essential to Israel's national effort to develop, settle and populate the Negev, which comprises 62% of the country's land mass.

"The university is a link of strength in the security chain of the Jewish State," he said.

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Between 400 and 500 young Canadians and Americans are expected to attend, representing the full spectrum of political and religious affiliation.

According to a spokesman at the Kibbutz Aliya Desk here, the January convention represents the first opportunity for members of all the garinim to meet and discuss issues of common concern.

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JDC adopts budget of $39.5 million

NEW YORK [JTA] —

A 1982 budget of $39.5 million was adopted by the board of directors of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) at its annual meeting here and Henry Taub, New Jersey businessman and communal leader, was re-elected JDC president.

Ralph Goldman, who was re-elected JDC executive vice-president, reviewed the achievements of JDC in 1981 and reported that more than 500,000 persons had been helped around the world with a total 1981 expenditure of $39,523,000.

In his address Taub spoke of the "opening windows and closing doors of Eastern Europe." Most gratifying, he said, was the return of the JDC to Czechoslovakia and Poland in 1981 after an absence of 30 years in Czechoslovakia and 14 years in Poland. Other windows, he said, were opened in previous years in Hungary, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

"In all," Taub said, "some 130,000 to 150,000 Jews in East European countries are now back to direct contact with us. On the other hand," Taub continued, "a great big door has closed. Emigration from the Soviet Union has plummeted from over 4,000 a month to under 400."

The largest item in the 1982 budget of $39.5 million is for relief and welfare which, at $13.7 million, constitutes 37.1% of the total. The second largest item in the budget, Jewish education, at $9.4 million is 25.5%. Among the other budget items by category are services to the aged, $4.2 million or 11.4%, and health services at $3.4 million or 9.2%.

A geographic breakdown of the budget shows 30.4% or $11.2 million expended in Israel; 23.9% or $8.8 million for relief-in-transit (largely Eastern Europe); 15.8% or $5.8 million in Eastern Europe; 14.4% or $5.3 million in Moslem nations and 10.6% or $3.9 million in Western Europe.

Elect Rothschild

MONTREAL —

Kurt Rothschild of Toronto was elected president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University at a recent meeting of the organization here.

Kurt Rothschild

Other national officers elected were: honorary presidents Rabbi Seymour M. Zambrowsky of Israel, Michel Zimmerman and George H. Scott, both of Montreal; and regional vice-presidents Dr. Mortimer Lechter, Montreal (Eastern Region), Harvey Haber, Toronto (Ontario Region), Saul Zitzerman, Winnipeg (Prairie Region), Dr. David Bercusson, Calgary (Central West Region), and Dr. Moe Steinberg, Vancouver (Pacific Region).

Elected to specialized portfolios were Abe Chodos, Montreal, treasurer; Mark Gross, Toronto, associate treasurer; Sidney Brickan, Toronto, secretary; Leona Finkler, Toronto, chairman of the Institute of Holocaust Studies; and Carl K. Keyfetz, Toronto, and Robert Vineberg, Montreal, wills and bequests.

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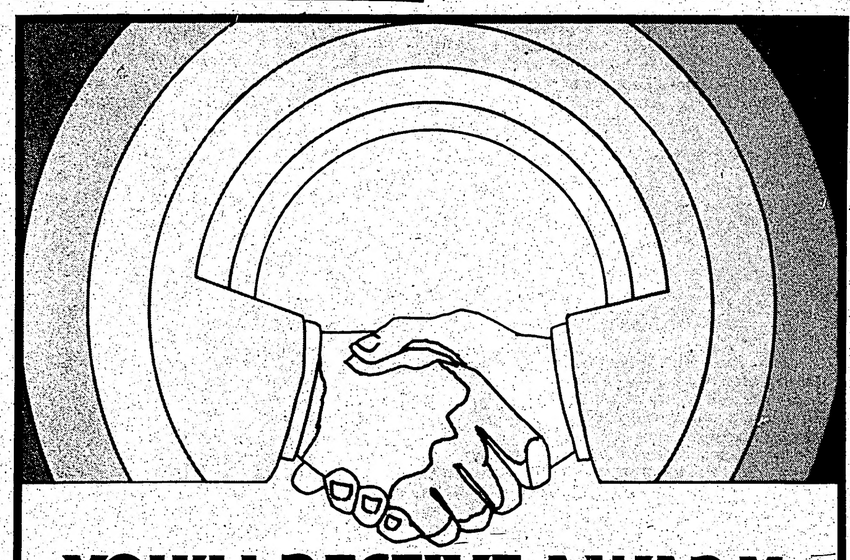

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

U.S. reaction to Golan unusual between friends

The condemnation, angry speeches and vapid editorials about Israel's action in the Golan were to be expected. But breaking an international agreement, as the United States did in suspending the strategic alliance pact with Israel, is somewhat unusual for one country in dealing with another friendly country.

So Prime Minister Begin's sharp criticism of the U.S. and his refusal to be treated like a delinquent child are quite understandable. Israel is a soveriegn nation, the only democracy in the Middle East and the only bulwark against Soviet Russia in that part of the world. If the U.S. is, indeed, looking to build a wall of defence against Russia, then it needs Israel for strategic reasons as much as Israel needs the U.S. for financial reasons.

However, after the war of words subsides, we are confident the friendship which exists between the U.S. and Israel will prevail. Secretary of State Haig, in a television interview, was very definite about this. He emphasized that the friendship is a strong one but that disagreements are bound to occur. There is no reason to think otherwise. But, as Begin pointed out, it's time that the U.S. — in its diplomatic dealings — stopped treating Israel like a banana republic.

Moshe Arens, the Israeli ambassador-designate to the U.S., put it well in a TV interview Monday morning. He called the whole fracas an "aberration" and he expressed confidence that Israeli-U.S. relations will continue to be good, despite the media's claim that they are at an all-time low.

As for the media's shallow claim that Israel has embarrassed President Mubarak . . . well, it's time they stopped shedding crocodile tears. Egypt has been handed oil wells, airfields and is about to get the rest of the Sinai, complete with two well-developed little cities. Egypt has nothing to complain about when Israel takes steps to protect its own interests and assure its security.

It's time the media looked back to recent history and recall that it was Prime Minister Begin who invited Sadat to Jerusalem and it was Begin who made all the concessions for peace. Israel has also offered peace to all the other Arab nations. If they don't accept the offer, Israel must defend itself in whatever fashion she feels necessary.

Tradition of murder

"History never really repeats itself," says Edouard Roditi in a recent survey of Jewish life. "At best as in a musical composition . . . it produces variations on a given theme."

An apt way to describe the news item which reported the assassination recently of Yussuf Al-Khatib, the head of a local village association on the West Bank.

The PLO (which should really change its name to PMO — Palestine Murder Organization) boasting of the assassination exercise, vowed to "execute all other collaborators with the Zionist enemy throughout the occupied homeland."

This is a variation of a theme which Palestinian Arabs have been orchestrating since the 20s and 30s and 40s of this century in response to those among their brethren who have sought an accommodation with the Jews of Eretz Israel.

During that period Haj Amin el Husseini, the grand mufti of Jerusalem, the supreme Muslim religious head in Palestine [who died just a couple of years ago in Lebanon], pursued a policy of savage repression against any of the Palestinian Arab factions which tried to effect a modus vivendi with the Yishuv, the Jewish population.

The mufti's gangs quickly put an end to such "treasonous" ideas by liquidating the utterers. Up until the War of Independence more Palestinian Arabs were killed by the mufti's execution squads than by any other mechanism.

Yasser Arafat, a reputed relative of Haj Amin el Husseini, has neither forgotten nor learned anything, unfortunately from the experience of the turbulent decades of the mufti. He continues the contemptible policy of unleashing the executioners upon those who have the temerity to investigate the possibilities of peace. The insensate hatred which moves such a mind is both deplorable and deserving of special scrutiny.

The problem with the PLO is not that it has not been democratically elected; no Arab government enjoys that luxury. Arab political traditions do not follow Western patterns of liberal democracy. That is not a sin.

What is sinful is that the PLO has a unitary vision of what its Palestine should be and it is Judenrein — free of Jews. The "inconvenience" of three million Israelis now resident on what they term the "usurped homeland" is a problem which the PLO says it will solve.

If the PLO deals with its brethren by killing dissenters, one can well imagine the scenario being prepared for the "enemy." Israel is wise in choosing another scenario.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Poet **Naphtali Herz Imber** was born in Galicia on Dec. 27, 1856. Wandering through the world in an ill-starred life, he left behind a unique legacy to the Jewish people: the song "Hatikvah" (The Hope).

Imber's grounding in a traditional upbringing was uprooted in his youth artistically by the Haskalah — the secularist Hebrew movement sweeping across Eastern Europe at the time — and physically by his own restlessness. In 1882, in Constantinople, he attracted the attention of Laurence Oliphant, a Victorian counterpart of today's Israel-oriented evangelists. Imber accompanied him to the Holy Land as his secretary, where he remained for the next six years.

Inspired by the founding four years earlier of Petach Tikvah, the first new Jewish town in the Holy Land in 2,000 years, Imber wrote a short song expressing Diaspora Jews' longing for their homeland. He read it to a group of farmers and colonists at Richon-Le-Zion. They clapped, cheered and lifted him high in the air. It spread throughout the Yishuv almost overnight.

One settler from Richon-Le-Zion, Samuel Cohen, had recently come from Moldavia. He matched the cadences of Imber's verse to the haunting rhythm of a Romanian folksong. The song crossed the sea and was instantly adopted by Europe's burgeoning Zionist circles.

The 7th Zionist Congress, in Basel, 1905, ended in a spontaneous singing of Hatikvah by the hundreds of delegates in attendance. The 18th conference, in Prague, 1933, declared the song the official Zionist anthem. Israel's Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948, was preceded by the singing of Hatikvah and followed by a musical rendition of it. That same year, Italian conductor Bernard Molinari orchestrated the song for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Hatikvah has been sung at innumerable gatherings around the world and remains Israel's unofficial national anthem.

Unprotected by a copyright, Hatikvah gave its creator little financial reward. Imber returned to Europe in 1888 and almost immediately set out on his wanderings again, going as far east as India. Wooed by missionaries throughout his trip, he was considered a secret apostate and shunned by Jewish society.

Imber's colorful personality and intense good looks drew many women. One, a beautiful and intelligent socialite named Amanda Katie, who was also a physician, eventually converted to Judaism in order to marry him. After a brief and stormy interval, the marriage was dissolved.

In 1892, Imber turned west, beginning an extensive tour of the United States. Except for a last brief visit to London, he remained in the Golden Land, as his contemporaries described the U.S., and sank into a life of poverty and alcoholicism. His devoted brother published an anthology of Imber's works, which included a devotional poem to Amanda Katie.

Imber died in 1909, supported in his last years by a pension arranged by Philadelphia judge Mayer Sulsberger, who would become the first president of the American Jewish Committee.

Imber's stirring song lives on.

Goldmann's gloomy forecast for future; a cornucopia of books for Chanukah

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nahum Goldmann

Nahum Goldmann is in a pessimistic frame of mind as 1981 draws to a close. "As I see it, our situation in the world — both in the Diaspora and in Israel — is more threatened than for many years past," he writes in the Jewish Chronicle of London.

For those who don't know, Goldmann is former president of the World Jewish Congress and of the World Zionist Congress. Despite his impeccable Establishment credentials, he is a gadfly in blue pinstripes. He speaks his mind, and the universe is his platform. He delights and he infuriates. Rarely does he bring on yawning boredom. Goldmann merits attention.

"It is one of the great weaknesses of Jewish life today that it concentrates increasingly on the external fronts — interventions, political protests, public demands — but neglects the less sensational and impressive internal one, on whose solidity and strength our destiny really depends," he observes.

Whereas a minority of Jews are becoming more Jewish, both nationally and religiously, the larger majority is lapsing into indifference and assimilation, the venerable Jewish leader believes.

Jews, he says, thrive when one or a few powers dominate the world and thus ensure stability. "Today we are entering a very unstable period, with local conflicts everywhere . . . with unpredictable developments within both the democratic and Communist blocs and in the Third World," he notes. "In such a situation, all minorities are in a difficult position, particularly the classic one, the Jews. Majorities always look for excuses for their deteriorating situation and, as Jewish history teaches us, there is no better scapegoat . . . than the Jewish people."

No longer will Jewish suffering during the Holocaust serve as a protective shield, Goldmann remarks.

The relationship between Jews and the Soviet Union is a tragic one which ought to be reversed. "The Jewish people is becoming increasingly anti-Russian and the USSR more and more anti-Israel and on the brink of becoming anti-Jewish. If this were to continue, it would be a tragedy both for Israel and for world Jewry."

Goldmann urges Jews to focus interest on the struggle for Jewish rights within the Soviet Union. "We(have) neglected completely the fight for the right of Russian Jews to live as a religious and national minority . . ." Too much emphasis has been placed on emigration, he argues.

Polarization between Orthodox Jews and secular Jews poses a greater danger to Israel than the Arabs or the Russians, he comments.

Looking toward the horizon, Goldmann claims that solutions to Jewish/Israel problems are possible. "The first condition to this is that our people stop living in a fool's paradise, overestimating its own importance, and ceases to believe that by protest one can achieve anything decisive in the long run."

Jews shouldn't court defeat by asking for the impossible, he states. Yet they should stand firm on the issue of Jewish survival in Israel and in the Diaspora. Wherever possible, Jews ought to be modest and intelligent enough to make the sort of concessions "which will allow a mutually acceptable solution to be reached."

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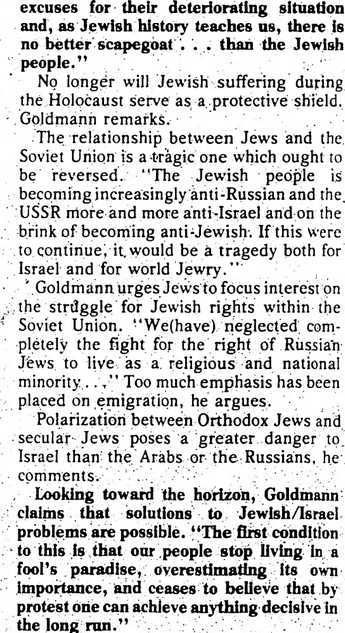
Henry Kissinger, the Jewish Metternich, was in Toronto recently, addressing himself



Henry Kissinger

to the subject for which he is best known, if not universally admired: international relations.

He spoke about the arms race, Soviet society, the North-South dialogue, the welfare state and the Middle East to a large audience of businessmen. Universal Speakers, a private group, brought him to Toronto. Kissinger, a rotund, self-satisfied figure of 58, didn't say anything startling. But he got a full-bodied round of applause from his appreciative listeners, who each parted with $75 for the privilege of following his every word and phrase.

Kissinger, the first Jewish secretary of state in U.S. history, is by now a celebrity who doesn't underestimate his value as a commercial drawing card. He is in constant demand as an after-dinner speaker [his fees are reportedly hefty]; he teaches at Georgetown University, in Washington; he advises the President; he writes articles and books [volume 2 of his memoirs is scheduled to be published in the spring]; he appears at the smartest parties — an aura of intellectual invincibility enveloping him.

At the rostrum, he is jolly, sardonic, egotistical and serious. In his gravelly, stentorian voice, Kissinger sounds like a veritable presence, which he truly is. In the Diaspora, no Jew commands as much visibility as Kissinger, the Nobel Prize winner for peace in 1973. He's the Super Jew.

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In light of the imposition of martial law in Poland, and the turmoil that this move has caused, the current exhibition of Polish Jewish art and artifacts at Harvard's Widener Library is all the more interesting. It is sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations under a cultural exchange agreement with Poland.

Among the items on view are a silver gilt Torah crown inlaid with semi-precious stones and a 14th century holiday prayer book.

The exhibition will travel across the U.S.

Jerzy Kuberski, Polish minister of religion, says that a major exhibition of Jewish contributions to Polish society will be held in Cracow and Warsaw in April of 1983 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

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For the Chanukah season, a bookworm belonging to the People of the Book has no problems whatsoever. Consider the following books:

1. "The Vanished Worlds of Jewry" [Collier Macmillan Canada, $23.50] deals with European and Middle Eastern communities which have been devastated by the Holocaust or the Arab-Israeli conflict. Author Raphael Patai is an Israeli anthropologist who has written books such as "The Arab Mind" and "The Jewish Mind."

The Vanished Worlds of Jewry, which analyzes countries from Poland to Egypt, is a treasure trove of bittersweet nostalgia which recalls the grand days of European and Middle Eastern Jewry. (There is one chapter, as well, on India). The accompanying photographs are sharp and revealing.

2. "Zionism in Transition" [Arno Press, $18] is published under the auspices of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and edited by Moshe Davis, a noted Israeli scholar. It's a compendium of international Zionism that has the merit of facing the issues head on, without equivocation.

The volume consists of essays — usually of a respectable quality — on the state of Zionism in the Commonwealth, South Africa, Western Europe, the Soviet Union, Israel and the Arab and Persian Middle East. There are also pieces on the theory and practice of Zionism.

Harold Waller, a McGill University professor, contributes an essay on Canadian Zionism. He claims the outlook for the movement here is "somewhat uncertain," partly because welfare organizations are now in charge of the main fund raising drives on Israel's behalf.

3. Isaac Bashevis Singer's memoirs, "Lost in America" [Doubleday, $22.95], are redolent of his younger years in Poland and in North America. Singer describes the Jewish literary scene in Warsaw ("rife with favortism and clannishness") and foretells the Holocaust ("one didn't have to be particularly prescient to foresee the hell that was coming. Only those who were totally hypnotized by silly slogans could not see what was descending on us").

With his brother's help, he immigrates to New York, where he finds life difficult at the outset. Singer has left behind a lady friend whom he has impregnated, and memories that choke him with a longing for the old country. He meets interesting characters in America, including a Jewish convert to Christianity who can't perform in bed. He wanders along Toronto's Spadina Ave., "the centre of Yiddishism. . . ." His column in The Forward is replaced with a long recipe for meat kreplach. Singer's career seems on the skids. . . .

4. "Studies In American Literature" [State University of New York] considers I. B. Singer's contributions. In close to two dozen essays, critics probe the literary pores of the Nobel Prize winner. Daniel Walden concludes that Singer is "without a home in the Old World, and yet uncomfortable in the new." Ruth Wisse, of McGill University, writes that his work draws its power "from the tension between containment and licence."

Singer, himself, has no illusions about his place. As he puts it in an interview published in this anthology: "I'm still one of the millions of miserable people who eat, think, hope, worry, sleep, pray and die."

5. "The Making of Manchester Jewry" [Holmes & Meier, N.Y., $22.50] is a dense historical cum-sociological account of an important British community in the first half of the 19th century. A historian, Williams writes that by 1825 the community had been transformed into a large and respected body of well-to-do (and working class) body of shopkeepers, export merchants and professional men that was an integral part of the local bourgeoise.

The synagogue remained, he observes, the "central pillar" of communal life. It was a source of financial assistance, the chief medium of communication with the Gentile community and the touchstone of Jewish identity in a period before the emergence of secular forms of group expression.

6. Hidden Survivors" [Prentice Hall Canada, $11.95] is about poverty among Jews — a topic most of us would rather avoid. Thomas Cottle, a sociologist and clinical psychologist, meets it on its own ground.

According to Cottle, 65% of Jewish poor are 65 years of age and over. From 12% to 19% of American Jews, he estimates, are found below the povery line.

Hidden Survivors, modeled on the works of the late Oscar Lewis, examines the lives of several Jews immobilized by poverty: a woman who waits for her daughter to visit (she doesn't); a baseball fan who's been irretrievably scarred by the Holocaust; a Hungarian Jew in New York who's been unemployed for 15 years; a couple forced to move out of their tenement flat after 30 years. It is a sad, touching book.

7. "The Museums of Israel" [Collins, $16.95] was probably tailor-written for the traveler who's not just content with beaches, monuments, kibbutzim or cafes, all of which are offered in a profusion of abundance in the Jewish state.

The exhibits displayed in Israeli museums are connected with the history of Israel — ancient and modern — and with the cultural achievements of Jews in the Diaspora. The text is by L. Y. Rahmani, chief curator, Israel department of antiquities and museums. Peter Larsen's photographs are clear and do justice to the figures, objects and paintings in Israel's museums.

8. Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel believes that Jerusalem is the capital of all Jewry. Some would disagree with this contention. Whatever one's opinion, Jerusalem has a special place in the hearts of most Jews. **"Jerusalem: Problems and Prospects" [Praeger, $33.10]** consists of essays on its recent history. All are uniformly good.

The editor is Joel Kraemer, and Mayor Teddy Kollek provides an introduction. "The problem of Jerusalem," he writes, "is difficult because age-old and deeply-felt emotions are encrusted over the rationality necessary to find solutions." How true.

9. **"Belonging" [Holt, Rinehart & Winston Canada, $12.25]** consists of pen portraits of Jews, Christians and Moslems who live in Israel. James McNeish, a New Zealand journalist, has compiled them. The title is somewhat misleading, as not all the subjects feel they "belong" in Israel. One of them, Olivia Zetler, is a native of India who has given up on the idea of being a complete and unambiguous Israeli. The others have a close affinity with the land — an American from an upper middle-class background, a Russian who served a prison term for a hijacking attempt, a Baptist from the U.S. who knows Israelis inside out, an Israeli Arab who is as integrated into Israel's society as any Moslem can be under present conditions. There are, in all, 15 profiles in Belonging, a volume which explains the difficult process of adaptation to Israel. Israel's aliyah department could probably make good use of it.

Jewish awareness is at stake during annual campaign of UJA

By J. B. SALSBERG

The Jewish community of Toronto, Canada's largest, is presently in the midst of its annual United Jewish Appeal campaign. That means that hundreds of Jewish men and women will have voluntarily assumed the burden of responsibility to arouse and involve all Jews of the community — men and women, young and old, rich and non-affluent — in the major Jewish fund raising effort of the year.

Why do those hundreds (or few thousands) assume this stimulating (but sometimes depressing), time-consuming (but sometimes exhausting) exercise year after year?

They do it, you may unhesitatingly reply, in order to help raise the dollar quota that was set for the given year. That is true, but only in a very limited way.

Of course the bottom line is what all activists aim at. But people in such large numbers would not readily neglect their personal obligations, their homes and even their physical wellbeing for a mere objective of certain millions of dollars. A UJA campaign is not a sportive event in which different teams compete for the highest points!

What stimulates and inspires the thousands of volunteers is the national, cultural, educational, charitable and social needs of our people — at home, in Israel and elsewhere — at the time of the campaign.

More than dollars are at stake in a UJA drive. What is really at stake during such a campaign is Jewish awareness, Jewish concern and the voluntarily-assumed Jewish responsibility for the present and future fortunes of our people as a whole.

Shocking as this may sound to the ears of some, I am prepared to say that only a contributor to the UJA earns the right and the privilege to receive a Jewish passport — the document of belonging to the Jewish collective.

One cannot express concern for the security and continuity of Israel if one dodges the responsibility of helping the Jewish state financially which, in United Jewish Appeal communities, means a contribution to UJA, since the bulk of UJA funds are earmarked for Israel. Such a dodger is either an ignoramus or a hypocrite.

One cannot claim to be concerned with the needs of our own local elderly, our sick, our handicapped and the education of our growing generation and then ignore or shortchange the UJA canvasser. Such a one is truly a pitiful, spiritually crippled character.

The hundreds of dedicated UJA volunteers understand these facts and they are, therefore, more than collectors of funds. They are the messengers of Jewish unity and Jewish involvement. In a sense, they bring the call for Jewish responsibility to all that can be reached.

I am possessed by the feeling that the period of a UJA campaign should be the apex of all efforts for Jewish awareness and Jewish education towards such awareness. And it should start with our young ones and reach all the way to the homes of our senior citizens.

I believe that our parents should teach their children of the meaning of the UJA campaign and to encourage their young ones to enter our collective by offering their portion to the total need — out of their own funds, if possible.

Buttons with the message that "We are One" should be worn proudly by all Jewish students, of all educational levels, as a sign that they have entered the bond of our peoplehood by giving to UJA.

As for the adults, it is my belief that every man and woman among us should be guided by the principle of "From each according to his or her ability to give." If approached from this angle, the person who can only offer ten or fifty dollars is equal with those who can and who do offer a thousand times such amounts.

In different words I deliver this message every year during the UJA campaign. I know that my emphasis pleases some and displeases others. Be that as it may. But I will continue to emphasize that, important as one's special dedication to a specific institution may be, one must not do so at the expense of the central, the all-embracing, **the national fund raising efforts** of the United Jewish Appeal.

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Saudi Arabia's peace plan: can it work?

The recent Arab summit in Morocco broke up after only a few hours when it developed that delegates could not find a basis to discuss Saudi Arabia's 8-point peace plan. The Arabs will take up the proposals at a later date.

Philip Klutznik, president emeritus of the World Jewish Congress and honorary president of B'nai B'rith International, finds merit in the plan, in a piece written for The Washington Post. David Landau, The Jerusalem Post's diplomatic correspondent, sees possibilities in it as well.

Abba Eban, Israel's former foreign minister, says in The New York Times that the plan falls short.

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Great chance for agreement

By PHILIP M. KLUTZNIK

Not since Israel's creation in 1948, in my judgment, has there been a greater possibility of achieving peace between Israel, the Palestinians and its Arab neighbors.

Looking back, anyone who expected the Camp David Accords to be accepted by all the states in the Middle East was unaware of the sensitivities that were either ignored purposely shelved for later consideration. Likewise, anyone who now expects the Saudis' eight points to be universally applauded is remiss in not appreciating the real facts of life in the region — both in Israel and among parties less thoughtful than the Saudis.

However, the acceptance by Jordan, the PLO and others of the overall approach embodied in the Saudi 8-point "peace plan" may be a crucial turning point. For the first time, even if indirectly, important Arab parties have turned away from "outlawing" Israel as an illegitimate entity and have looked to negotiations with recognition and "coexistence" as the eventual goal.

Many have forgotten the extreme difference between the speeches Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin made to the Knesset — difference that thoughtful negotiations helped resolve.

I feel somewhat the same about the current situation. The Saudis have taken a significant lead . . . The importance of these developments must not be missed.

My visit in August to a number of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, convinced me that with very few exceptions there was a general feeling at the highest levels that Israel was here to stay, that it had developed into a military superpower, that Jewish nationalism was accepted as fact if not understood, and that the time had finally come to find an answer to the basic problem that stood in the way of a comprehensive peace.

Over and over, the Palestinian issue dominated conversation and viewpoints. The Palestinians have become a special people in the Arab world, in some ways like the Jews were in the West following World War II.

The next most significant conclusion was that the PLO was the only party qualified to speak for the Palestinians. There will be those who will say that such a conclusion is naive or ill-founded. Perhaps so; but it remains a fact that the PLO has sufficient strength in an increasing number of capitals to either accelerate or abort the peace process that was begun four years ago with Sadat's Jerusalem visit.

The PLO members are trying to create, and with some success, an organization that handles many social and economic problems, even as they continue to build a more sophisticated military potential. They are spoken of as "the modern-day Jews of the Arab world."

I found that the Camp David Accords were rejected not so much because of unwillingness to contemplate peace with Israel as because they failed to link properly the Egyptian-Israeli treaty with resolution of the Palestinian issue. Many condemn Camp David for this, forgetting that without this beginning there probably would not be today's Saudi initiative. Others feel that Camp David has served its function and should now be supplemented or transcended.

It would be tragic and unthinkable to lose the momentum begun at Camp David. The autonomy discussions should now be accelerated in an attempt to draw Palestinian representation into the negotiation. But if the autonomy talks fail to deal adequately with the Palestinian issue, there is no dishonor in supplementing them with the suggestions of others.

Here the Saudi approach may prove useful. As President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt has suggested, and as the Reagan administration has implied, the Saudi ideas are not incompatible with the peace process. Enlarging participation in the process was, in fact, envisoned at Camp David.

I conclude that no genuine peace will be achieved anytime soon without some real measure of Saudi participation. If this conclusion is correct, or even if the conjecture has possibilities, then it should be explored by both the United States and Israel. We need to build on the progress Camp David made possible. We may be mid-stream between the beginning of a limited peace and the achievement of a comprehensive peace.

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Blanket rejection will not do

By DAVID LANDAU

It is entirely likely that Prime Minister Begin is right: that the "so-called Saudi Peace Plan" (as he so calls it) is merely "a plan for Israel's liquidation in stages." There is a "high probability," to use a chilling term from our all-too-recent history, that Begin is right, and that therefore his flat rejection of the plan is justified.

But what if he isn't? Even in some cases of "high probability," as we have come to learn, there is just that element of "low probability."

I use the emotionally loaded language of "probability" advisedly. I deliberately seek to bring back to mind the terrible memories of October 1973 because there is some probability — high, low, medium, future historians will determine — that the war would not have happened if Israel had responded positively to Sadat's first peace signal in 1971.

Probable that Begin could be right

At that time, in 1971, when the new and universally despised Egyptian president first referred to the notion of a "peace agreement" with Israel, the "probability" that he was sincere was perceived as no higher than the "probability" today that Prince Fahd means peace.

Indeed, even in 1977, after the secret Dayan-Tohami meetings, when Sadat announced that he was ready to go "to the Knesset in Jerusalem," there was only a "probability" — certainly no certainty — that he sincerely meant peace. The then chief-of-staff Mordechai Gur was by no means alone when he warned that this might be a ploy to liquidate Israel, in stages or otherwise.

Most Israelis, and no doubt Begin among them were troubled by the same fears. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister, in a stroke of historic statesmanship, resolved that Israel must give it a try.

Sadat's speech from the Knesset podium was not very different in its content from the Saudi plan today. Of course, though, his very presence there — and his unequivocal talk of peace and normalization and acceptance in the region — made all the difference, and "broke through the psychological barrier" of suspicion and distrust.

There has been no such dramatic, barrier-breaking move on the part of Prince Fahd or King Khaled.

Nevertheless, Menachem Begin [and the rest of the political establishment, including the Labor opposition] will not be exonerated before the court of Jewish history if they fail to give due consideration to the Fahd plan, however cautiously. Perhaps, just perhaps, this is another of those rare cases where the "low probability" scenario supercedes the "high probability" assessment — the assessment that the Saudi plan is purely "a dagger to be driven into our heart" [Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir].

Perhaps. But we will never know unless we attempt to find out. Instead of a blanket rejection, our response to the Fahd proposals should have been — and still should be — a searching challenge. We should announce our agreement with one or two of the eight points (for example, freedom of worship), our reasoned rejection of the others, our own counter-proposals — and our invitation for negotiations with the Saudis at Geneva next Monday morning.

The purpose would be tactical: to put them on the spot, and to try, thereby, to ascertain their true intent.

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Saudi proposal blow to peace

By ABBA EBAN

Nobody does Israel any service by proclaiming its "right to exist."

It is disturbing to find so many people well-disposed to Israel giving currency to this contemptuous formulation.

Israel's right to exist, like that of the United States, Saudi Arabia, and 152 other states, is axiomatic and unreserved. Israel's legitimacy is not suspended in mid-air awaiting acknowledgement by the royal house in Riyadh. Nor does a group such as the Palestine Liberation Organization have any competence to accord recognition to states, or withhold it.

A majority of the 155 states in the modern international community are younger in their sovereignty than Israel, which was the 59th member of the United Nations. There is certainly no other state, big or small, young or old, that would consider mere recognition of its "right to exist" a favor, or a negotiable concession.

What Israel is entitled to have in return for the increase of its territorial vulnerability is not verbal recognition but an effective security system, to be arrived at by negotiations.

Back in 1967, when the world community adopted its unanimous policy for the Middle East in Security Council Resolution 242, some members suggested that Israel should be satisfied with a solemn declaration of the right of all states to exist. They added that Israel might, it it chose, regard itself as included in that definition.

At that time, hardly any responsible government in the Western world or elsewhere accepted that definition of Israel's rights as adequate. Most Western countries voted many times between 1967 and 1976 to defeat proposals similar to the one that is now winning Saudi Arabia such exaggerated attention and praise.

Throughout that period, Israel was considered worthy of something more concrete than a mere declaration of its right to stay alive. In Resolution 242, there is a call for "acknowledgement of the right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries." The resolution also calls for "agreement . . . to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement."

In recent days, it has been left to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and his colleagues to make the lucid observation that any proposal for a Middle Eastern settlement is merely a collection of words unless it is accepted by Israel. Since ours is the only nation that would increase its security risk by further territorial renunciation, this is not an excessive requirement.

If Saudi Arabia, as it seems, is now ready to move from the fantasies of "holy war," there is good reason to hope for a further evolution of its policy. But what chance is there of further evolution if responsible statesmen abandon all critical rigor and, as they already have done, praise a niggardly Saudi text that falls short, by an astronomic distance, of the established international jurisprudence expressed in 242?

If one wants to help bring about a change of Saudi policy, the worst thing to do is to pretend that the desired change has already occurred. At this stage, the aim and result of Prince Fahd's text is to supercede Resolution 242, which is couched in the language of reciprocal rights, by a new international policy that would acknowledge Arab rights alone, and call for Israel's total and unconditional withdrawal.

Abba Eban

The Saudi text not only seeks to annul 242 by emptying it of those provisions that safeguard Israel's interests. It is also a body blow to the Camp David Accords. Saudi Arabia has attacked Camp David by boycotting Anwar el-Sadat up to and beyond the grave, by lavishly financing the PLO and other anti-Camp David forces, and by insisting on restoring Soviet participation in the Middle Eastern peace process.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, one of the most spectacular victories for international conciliation in this generation, has been assailed by Arab hostility, European skepticism, and — grotesquely — by United Nations condemnation. This would be understandable if the Camp David agreement really injured Palestinian interests. But if the Camp David text is honored, it can carry those interests a long way toward fulfilment.

The agreement calls for replacement of the Israeli military administration in the West Bank and Gaza by an elected Palestinian self-governing authority that would preside over a system of full autonomy for a few years, after which the final status of those areas would be determined, not by Israel alone, but by negotiations and agreement between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and elected representatives of the Palestinian inhabitants, who would also have the right to approve or reject any agreement.

It is only in the bizarre world of Middle Eastern diplomacy that the Camp David text could be represented as anti-Arab or anti-Palestinian.

No harm would be done if American policy makers who claim to be wedded to the Camp David approach would assert and practice their fidelity to it without reservation and avoid sending roving eyes in the direction of a Saudi policy that is still immensely remote from the values and interests that the United States is committed to uphold.

FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

Visually impaired students at Ramat Gan's Bar-Ilan University can now participate on equal footing with their normally sighted classmates, thanks to the introduction of the Visualtek machine. The device was a gift to Bar-Ilan from the sisterhood of Brooklyn's East Midwood Jewish Centre, arranged by the Jewish Braille Institute of America. It employs a TV screen to magnify reading material.

Jewish traditions best for Jews

Christmas is for Christians

By RABBI ELI J. KAHN
Sarnia, Ont.

Every year at this season the argument arises about the Christmas festival and the participation in its festivities by Jews. One would imagine that after all that has been written and said on this subject by both Christians and Jews, every Jew would understand that Christmas is not a secular but a Christian holiday, dear to the heart of every Christian because of its Christian meaning and symbolism . . . because it commemorates the birth of his Savior and his Lord.

And yet, again and again, you hear the pleas made that Jews can — and even should — join in making Christmas our holiday because it has now become not a religious but a secular holiday.

Some time ago there appeared a letter in a prominent Anglo-Jewish periodical rationalizing Jewish participation in Christmas activities. "True," it admits, "Christianity does emphasize and look upon Christmas as a religious festival. But the majority of Christians apparently do not. We Jews can share in the modern day Christmas customs without qualms . . . We can disregard the religious origin of Christmas . . . Our celebration of Christmas can be in the same spirit that we observe Thanksgiving Day, the Fourth of July . . ."

Of course, this premise that Christmas is a secular holiday today is false. The very name Christmas proclaims its association with Christ. Though many Gentiles who have ceased to be Christians may observe it as a secular festival, all of those who retain their Christian belief continue to associate it with the adoration of Christ. If they are at all tolerant of its observance by those who are not Christians, it is in the hope that "mitoh shelo lishmah, ba lishma," that its observance even without piety may result eventually in its pious observance.

However, even if we ignore the religious character of Christmas, we certainly cannot claim it comparable to Thanksgiving or the American Fourth of July or the Canadian Canada day. Thanksgiving is a day set aside for thanking G-d for the many blessings we enjoy; the Fourth of July celebrates the birth of American independence; and Canada Day commemorates Canadian federation; but Christmas is observed throughout Christendom as the day of Christ's birth. How then can it be considered a national holiday, Canadian or American?

Now it is interesting to note that while some Jews still like to rationalize their feeling that Christmas is presently more secular than religious, the Christian world is beginning to protest more and more against this attempt to rob Christmas of its Christian character.

Religious intensification

Many articles have appeared in magazines and periodicals expressing the sentiments and revulsion on the part of denominations in Christendom to this attempt to secularize their Christmas. "Put Christ back into Chrtistmas," is the slogan of all Christian religious leaders.

I wonder how many of those Jews who insist on their participation in Christmas celebrations kindle the Chanukah lights in their homes, or observe a seder, or have a succoth.

In his biography of Clarence Darrow, Irving Stone tells the story of a debate on religion that took place betweeen a Catholic, a Protestant, a Jew and the agnostic Darrow. When the Jew was asked his views on religion in general, he answered, "I believe that Judaism is the best religion for the Jew, Christianity for the Christian, Mohammedanism for the Mohammedan and agnosticism for the agnostic."

Christmas belongs to the Christian. We Jews have our own religious symbols to which we should cling. Of course, it is of the utmost importance that Jews sincerely respect the religious symbols and customs of our fellow-man. That is one of the basic principles of democracy and of humanity.

But it is not necessary to imitate or to train one's children in this superficial imitation. To do so is not to ennoble the Christian faith, which the Jew admits he has not accepted, but to render the Jewish faith inferior and ignoble. It is to proclaim publicly that Judaism, the mother religion of all Western religions, lacks the nobility, the depth, the beauty and the appeal of Christianity.

This the Jew has no right to say, even as he has no right to claim that any other religion is inferior to his own. Every man's religion is the best one for himself and his family.

Jews ought rather to take more advantage of our own holidays. Surely the sparking flickers of the little Chanukah candles can well express for the Jews the message of faith, of hope, of light, of brotherhood; the symbolic foods and celebration of the Passover seder is his universal hymn of freedom; the greens and milk and honey on Shavuoth announce the freshness, eternity and sweetness of the Torah.

If we are as yet unaware of the splendor and historical richness of our holidays, the remedy is not imitation but education.

Judaism has been preserved for us by the blood of our martyrs mixed with the tears and woes of our wandering brethren who fleeing from land to land, clasped firmly to their bosom the treasures of the Torah. Would it not be a little less than betrayal to ourselves and the cause of religion throughout the world if Jews were to destroy in the light of freedom, the priceless heirlooms of faith and wisdom which our forefathers forged for us in the fires of suffering and slavery?

If we expect the Catholic to be loyal to Catholicism, the Protestant to Protestantism, is it too much to ask that the Jew uphold the honor and dignity of Judaism?

We wish our Christian neighbors joy and happiness on their holiday, but we insist on regarding it as their holiday, not ours. Let us abide by the prophet's advice: "Let all the peoples walk each in the name of his G-d, but let us walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever."

Remedy for "unbelievable and disgusting" anti-semitic acts said to lie in constitution

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

Can we still fight anti-semitism and racism in Canada by reasonable and democratic methods? Or must we assume that we are facing an anti-semitic upsurge against which we have no other recourse than the tactics of the Jewish Defence League?

To this writer the foregoing are rhetorical questions. The answer to the first question is obviously Yes. The answer to the second question is an obvious No.

These answers are apparently not quite so obvious to some of the members of the Yachad Couples Unit of B'nai B'rith in Winnipeg to whom I spoke recently on the subject of anti-semitism in Canada.

There have been some anti-semitic incidents in Winnipeg, as well as racial incidents directed against other groups.

For the second time in a month The Manitoban, the University of Manitoba campus newspaper, reported incidents on campus. Most recently there was a swastika on a dormitory message board at University College and two messages with "anti-semitic overtones" were directed at a particular student in residence.

The provost of University College, Jean Friesen, wrote to all students in the residence notifying them that such activties were unacceptable. She said she was anxious to put a stop to it and whoever was doing it would know what kind of an offense it was and how serious it was." Friesen described the incident as "unbelievable and disgusting."

The provost said she plans to encourage a discussion program on racism at University College.

This was one of the incidents discussed at the Yachad meeting.

In my talk to the group I reviewed positive as well as negative developments in regard to anti-semitism and racism in Canada and in Winnipeg.

I cited the recent adoption of a provincial race relations act in British Columbia and the establishment of the Mayor's advisory committee on race relations in Winnipeg as examples of positive steps demonstrating that the community at large, and the authorities, consider racism unacceptable.

The action being taken in British Columbia, however, is much stronger than what is being done in Winnipeg thus far. Mayor Norrie's advisory committee has a long way to go to prove its effectiveness.

Speaking of a recent race relations workshop that took place in Winnipeg, I suggested that such programs ought to be more widely utilized throughout the community. A group like Yachad might well join in such a discussion program with members of another minority group. In other words, instead of just having a guest speaker on anti-semitism or racism, why not just invite a whole group of a different ethnic background to a frank exchange of views on problems of racism.

Another suggestion I put forward was that the B'nai B'rith might add to its Confrontation Games audio-visual series items that would help teach Jews how to confront the anti-semitism they may experience. This is because too many individual Jews don't seem to know how to react when they encounter anti-semitism . . . or what they perceive to be anti-semitism.

What surprised me at the Yachad meeting was that some individuals present felt that we ought to resort to Jewish Defence League tactics. This was coupled with an expression of lack of trust in Jewish community leadership as well as distrust in government authorities.

Canadian Jewish Congress, nationally, and the Jewish Community Council in Winnipeg, did play a constructive part in the parliamentary and legislative hearings on the Charter of Rights and the constitution during the past year. It would appear, however, that we have failed to convince Jews at the grass roots that these efforts have a bearing on the problems that concern us as Jews.

Jewish people have to be convinced that in relation to combating anti-semitic activities we have a stake in a Charter of Rights in which fundamental rights and freedoms cannot be overridden at the behest of parliament or any provincial legislature.

Organizations and People

What's New

Miriam Herman is on leave of absence for the winter months and the column will be handled during her absence by MIRIAM CHINSKY. Deadline for this column is Wedensday, 5 p.m. Please note that there will be no issue of The CJN on Dec. 31 because of irregular mail during the holiday season. The first issue of 1982 will be out on Jan. 7. Because of the holiday, deadline for Jan. 7 issue is TUESDAY NOON, Dec. 29.

TEMPLE SINAI CONCERT

Three of Canada's finest musicians, **Suzanne Shulman**, flautist, **Mark Childs**, violist, and **Erica Goodman**, harpist, will offer a program of new and old music at the annual **Ruth Mendelsohn** memorial concert during an Oneg Shabat in Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., on Friday, Jan. 8.

KIELCER CHANUKAH PARTY

The Kielcer Sick Benefit Society is planning a combined Chanukah party and installation of its 1982 executive on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11.30 a.m. in Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Enjoy a fish dinner and dancing to the music of **Morris Turk** and his orchestra. Members, Ladies' Auxiliary, as well as sons and daughters, are welcome. For reservations call **A. Geller**, 656-3327.

Kielcer invites applications for membership in the society. Please phone **Sam Kohn**, 249-2989, or **A. Geller**, 656-3327.

VOLUNTEER FOR ELDERLY

Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly and other agencies are desperately in need of volunteer drivers, helpers for the drivers, and friendly visitors. There is a critical shortage of volunteers in these much needed capacities from December through to April. At least a 2-hour commitment any week day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon would be appreciated, and even short term availability would be accepted.

If interested in volunteering your time to the elderly and/or handicapped shut-ins, please call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194. Seniors most welcome.

SYMPOSIUM AT YORK UNIVERSITY

On Thursday, Jan. 7, the Jewish Student Federation at York University is scheduling a symposium on "The Changing Jewish Community." Topics will include, Converts to Judaism, Lasting Jewish Marriage, Jewish Entrepeneurs, Identity on Campus, Chassidic Families, and more.

The program commences at 1 p.m. in the faculty lounge, S869 Ross Building, 4700 Keele St., and continues until 10 p.m.

There will be a reception and dinner at 5.45 p.m. and a response from the community, with **David Satok, Elliot Larman, Marty Lockshin** and **Estelle Hock**, at 8 p.m.

RSVP by Jan. 6, 667-3647.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY GARDEN

A botanical garden for plants used in industry and agriculture is being set up at Tel Aviv University, and will be the first of its kind for Israel, according to **Prof. Yoav Waisel** of the botany department.

Initially, the garden will include 100 types of tropical vegetation, fruit trees and other plants beneficial to man. Among these will be some plants found in Israel but not yet raised commercially.

Prof. Waisel said he expects work to be completed by late 1982. The garden, which will be open to the public, is to be named after its founders, **Esther Many-Elleren** and **Dr. E. Many**.

DISCUSSION AT BETH HABONIM

Everyone is invited to attend a discussion on "The Modern World Seen Through Jewish Eyes," Sunday, Jan. 3 at 2.30 p.m. in Beth Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst and Glencairn — upstairs). Sponsors are The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit, and Beth Habonim."

NEW YEAR LEVEE

North York residents are welcome to attend the mayor's New Year's Day levee at the North York Civic Centre, Jan. 1.

Mayor Mel Lastman and members of council will greet guests on the ground floor of the Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. from 2-4 p.m.

The custom of the levee dates back to feudal Europe shortly after the fall of the Roman Empire.

EXTEND-A-FAMILY

Extend-a-Family is looking for families in the general Toronto area who would like to offer short term respite care to children with developmental handicaps. Times, to be arranged between the families, may be flexible, once a week to once a month. Help provide a child with new friendships and experiences within the community.

For details on becoming a host family, please call **Heather Stein**, 492-0105.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

"Windom Plays Thurber," starring **William Windom**, will be the third show of the season at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. It previews Jan. 21, and opens Jan. 23, continuing until Feb. 13.

William Windom has been mistaken for **James Thurber** many times, having portrayed the humorist in an NBC-TV 1969-70 series, "My World and Welcome to It," for which he won an Emmy. He has had movie roles in "Escape from the Planet of the Apes," and "To Kill a Mockingbird," and has performed in numerous Broadway and off-Broadway shows.

James Thurber, subject of the play, is known for such stories as "The Unicorn in the Garden," and "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," which reflect the absurdity of times past and present.

For tickets, contact the box office, 630-6752.

FOR SINGLES

Beth Emeth Chai Plus group (19-26) looks forward to a New Year's dance, Dec. 31, at 9 o'clock in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Deejay, desserts and door prize, plus a cash bar, will add to the evening. No jeans, please. Admission is $6 per person, $10 per couple. For more information, call **Rochelle**, 630-6037.

Limited openings are still available for the Singles' Celebration Special New Year weekend, Thursday, Dec. 31 until Sunday, Jan. 3, at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, near Parry Sound. Welcome the New Year with a champagne dinner and party, spend days skiing, skating, or just taking it easy, and evenings enjoying dancing, entertainment and good company. For more details, call **Dody Rudson**, Jewish Camp Council of Toronto registrar, 924-6211.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Yachad Singles (30-49) are holding a Chanukah dance in the synagogue Sisterhood Hall, 55 Yeomans Rd., on Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at 8.30. No charge to members, $3 for non-members. Refreshments and door prizes.

The Meeting Place, 788 Marlee Ave., features some exciting events during the next two weeks. On Saturday, Dec. 26 at 8.30 p.m. there will be a Chanukah dance for the 20s to 30s. Come and enjoy! Admission $4. Thursday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. there will be a gala New Year's Eve dance (20s-30s) with buffet supper, party favors, prizes. Celebrate in good company. Admission $10 per person.

Come and bring your friends to the Total Living Singles (40 plus) Chanukah dance Sunday, Dec. 27 at 8.30 p.m. in Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. Admission $4, members; $5 non-members.

Toronto Jewish Singles (25-45) are holding a pre-New Year's party in B1 party room, 140 Erskine Ave., Sunday, Dec. 27 at 8.30 p.m.

The New Young Professionals Club (25-35) continues the winter season with fabulous house parties, open to both singles, and single parents. For more information on programs or membership, call **Sheldon**, 653-1381.

OSTROVZER MEMORIAL

The Toronto Ostrovzer Memorial Committee, under the auspices of the Ostrovzer Society and the Ostrovzer Synagogue, announces that the landsleit in Israel have erected a monument to Ostrovzer martyrs of the Holocaust. The committee requests all Ostrovzer landsmen to phone in the names of members of their family who were lost in the Holocaust. Please contact **Shaya Zweigman**, 783-5019, or **Albert Balnerman**, 636-4542.

HOLOCAUST TEACHING WORKSHOP

York University's faculty of education, and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, are co-sponsoring a workshop for educators on "Teaching the Holocaust." This will be of great assistance to those who are new or inexperienced in this sensitive area of teaching.

The program is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 13 and Thursday, Jan 14, in Stedman Lecture Hall B, York University. Fee is $20, and registration will be limited to those who would be most concerned.

Please contact Toronto Jewish Congress, 977-3811.

TORONTO CONCERT SINGERS

The Toronto Concert Singers will perform "Music from the Jewish Tradition," Sunday, Feb. 7, 1982, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 10 Trinity Sq. They will be featuring Bloch's Sacred Service. Special guests, **York University Community Orchestra**; guest conductor, **James McKay**. Time is 8 p.m. Tickets are, adults, $7, students and seniors, $4, and for adults, $6 in advance. Call 698-6935.

THE MEETING PLACE

The regular karate class at The Meeting Place, 788 Marlee Ave., will be held in the Haifa Room at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27.

At 1 p.m., in a public forum, **Eliasz Rubinowitz**, recently arrived after a sojourn in Russia, will give a "Soviet Union Update." Admission is free.

Karate continues at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 3; and at 1 p.m. everyone is welcome to participate in a general discussion on "Jewish Identity; Apathy or Awareness."

For additional information, phone 781-3571.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE

"Jacob Two-Two," **Mordecai Richler's** popular children's story, will open the holiday season at Young People's Theatre. Featuring a 24-member company directed by **Brian Rintoul**, this favorite musical will begin in previews Dec. 22 and run until Jan. 24.

KIBBUTZ ORIENTATION

Kibbutz Aliyah Desk is holding an orientation for anyone planning to work and/or study on kibbutz, or who would like information about kibbutz programs, on Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. (corner of Wilson Heights). For more information, call 783-4722.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Red Cross is changing the hours of the Manulife Centre Blood Donor Clinic beginning Jan. 4. The clinic will no longer be closed for lunch or at any other break during the day, Monday through Friday.

New hours are 9 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The holiday season is traditionally a low period for blood collections. It is hoped that Metro mayors' clinics will give residents a little extra push toward donating blood during this busy time.

The Toronto mayor's clinic is set for Dec. 28 in the new city hall, Bay and Queen, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The North York mayor's clinic, Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., is at Yorkdale Shopping Centre, and on Jan. 6, also 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., at the Civic Centre, 5090 Yonge St.

MIZRACHI WOMEN

Toronto Council, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization, sponsored a seminar and reception at the home of **Mrs. Kurt Rothschild** on Wednesday, Dec. 9, with **Tamar Shach**, chief supervisor of Emunah (Mizrachi) nurseries and institutions in Jerusalem. Members heard a detailed report of progress in these establishments.

SENIORS HAPPENINGS

Spend Purim in Jerusalem! Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a tour to Israel, March 3-24, 1982. The trip includes air and land arrangements, plus a comprehensive holiday insurance package. For more details, call the Synagogue office, 789-3213.

North-East Jewish Seniors please note that on Monday, Dec. 28, the oil painting class and fitness session are cancelled. However, between 1 and 4 p.m. there will be a social hour — work on your own needlecrafts, play cards, bingo — and folkdancing with **Rachel Gottesman**. Spend a pleasant afternoon at the club, Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St. north of Finch Ave. E. Incidentally, Share-a-Cab service is available at a nominal cost for seniors, to travel to Monday activities. Call **Phyllis Verbin** for more information, 493-8866.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club +50 presents the Cherry Blossom Dance Group from the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 1.15 p.m., 1700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome. Non members, 75 cents.

Welcome the New Year at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. For details, please phone 789-5131, ext. 414.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is organizing a Chanukah luncheon party, Sunday, Dec. 27 at 12.30 p.m. Join in a frailicher afternoon with entertainment by **Cantor Louis Danto** and the **Rambling Square Dancers**. Hostess will be **Eva Fishman**. For additional details call **Charles Cohen**, 741-4462.

The alumni, Holy Blossom Temple, will hear **Ben Kayfetz** explain "The Position of the Jews in our Community Today," when he addresses a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6 at 1.30.

CREATIVE LIVING

Albert Balnerman will report on his recent visit to Israel when he talks to the Centre for Creative Living Men's Club, 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 4 at the new building, Steeles Ave. just west of Bathurst. Refreshments; everyone welcome.

JCC NORTHERN BRANCH

A movie night for teens (13-17) on Thursday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. will feature the original "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Cost is $1.50.

Teen Club registration (13-17) is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Admission, 75 cents, includes entertainment, co-ed volleyball, and refreshments. Please bring gym shorts, socks and running shoes.

A winter break program is scheduled for 12-14-year-olds, Monday, Dec. 28 to Thursday, Dec. 31. Crafts, sports and outings will be offered. For more information call **Carolyn Howell**, 636-1880; ext. 38.

Topics Unlimited, a stimulating lecture series, open to everyone — no charge, no registration — commences its 1982 series on Monday, Jan. 4, 12.30 to 2 p.m., when Police Constable **John Smisson** gives advice on "Women Alone."

So you want to babysit? A 10-week Red Cross certified babysitting course will be offered at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., Wednesday, 6.30-8.30 p.m. from Jan. 13 to March 17. Space is limited to 12 students, and a teen babysitting registry will be available to those who pass the course. Fee is $5 for members, $7 for non-members. For further information phone **Carolyn Howell**, 636-1880, ext. 38.

PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) presents a Sunday lecture series, "Israel's Dilemmas: Are They Inevitable or Man-made?" in the Loggia, JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., 7-9 p.m. Speaker will be Ari Y Ben-Shacher, Israeli lecturer and activist. The first meeting, Sunday, Jan. 10, will consider "The Arab Problem: Is the Arab Hatred towards Israel Inevitable?" Cost for the series is $14 JCC members; $18 non-members. Single lectures are $4 JCC members; $5 non-members, and $3 for students and seniors.

For further information, call **Georgine Nash**, 636-1880, ext. 33.

About People

RHODES SCHOLAR

Larry Grafstein, Toronto, is the recipient of a Rhodes scholarship for post graduate studies at Oxford University in England. The award, established by the late Cecil Rhodes, recognizes qualities of intellect and character, plus leadership instincts and a fondness for outdoor sports.

Larry, who attended Beth Tzedec Day School and Upper Canada College, where he won the silver medal for general proficiency, is in his final year at Harvard University, and edits its student publication, the Harvard Crimson.

Absorbed in politics, debating and journalism, he hopes to earn his MA in the political field.

CHAI-TIKVAH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Toronto-born social worker **Laurence Siegel** has been named interim executive director of Chai-Tikvah, an organization offering assistance to former psychiatric patients in the Jewish community.

Siegel, who was associated with Carleton University in Ottawa, has worked for Jewish Vocational Service of Metro Toronto, and spent four years at Toronto General Hospital with S.H.A.R.E. (self-harm assessment research education) helping suicidal patients. He also teaches at George Brown College.

Chai-Tikvah has been providing a social program for members during the past year, and is embarking on a pilot project, renting a residence where ex-psychiatric patients will live and participate in an outreach program. It is expected that the home will be operational by February.

President of the organization is **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**; vice-presidents, **Rose Stahl, Ben Collis** and **Louis Norman**; treasurer, **Marvin Blackstein**, and secretary, **Mel Starkman**.

TEMPLE SINAI EXECUTIVE

Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto recently elected its new executive. President is **Shler Bossin**; executive vice-president, **David Lerner**; vice-presidents-at-large, **Austin Beutel** and **Aaron Bitman**; treasurer, **Paul Yanover**; financial secretary, **Albert Brown**; recording secretary, **Valerie Rose**; honorary president, **Dr. Heather S. Morris**.

NE JEWISH SINGLE PARENTS

The North-East Jewish Single Parents group is holding a Chanukah party on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. Cost is: members $2, non-members $3. For location and reservations, call the N-E office, 493-8866.

There will also be a party on Dec. 31. Please call the office by Dec. 24, to make reservations.

NE BRANCH JCC

Limited space is still available in all winter vacation break programs for children 6-11 years, Dec. 23 through Dec. 31.

There is also room in many pre-school, children, and adult winter semester programs which begin the week of Jan. 4. Sign up as soon as possible to avoid being closed out of your favorite activity.

For details on both vacation break and winter semester programs, please call the North-East office, 493-8866.

TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY

The Toronto Humane Society is participating in a fund raising campaign sponsored by Standard Brands Canada Ltd., manufacturer of Dr. Ballard's, Miss Mew, and Burgerbits pet foods. The company will donate 3 cents for every label or proof of purchase of these products, sent to the Toronto Humane Society, 11 River St., Toronto, M5A 4C2. Humane societies across Canada can avail themselves of this offer, which expires Jan. 31.

BETH EMETH SKI TRIP

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Teenagers (13-18) and Chai Plus (19-26) are going skiing to Mt. St. Louis, on Tuesday, Dec. 29. For reservations and more information, please call **Allan**, 633-2749, or **Rochelle**, evenings, at 630-6037.

RESTAURANT REDUCES PRICES

"If you can not afford to pay more, I can afford to cut my prices." A note paper attached to the menu of the Barmalay Russian and Jewish Restaurant, operated on St. Clair Ave. W. by Gregory Bruskin, bears this welcome news. Says Bruskin: "Being an owner, cook and waiter, I can afford to offer my customers the same quality of food, atmosphere and entertainment for half price to cheer them up from gloomy inflation. Let them continue to enjoy my place with 1976 prices. Barmalay is the first restaurant which cuts prices in half to beat inflation!"

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Orthodox Jewish women welcome rebbetzin to area

By JOAN ALEXANDER

TORONTO —

More than 100 women gathered at Petah Tikvah synagogue recently for a luncheon to welcome into the fold five rebbetzin whose husbands took rabbinic positions in the Toronto and surrounding area within the past 18 months.

Introduced at the luncheon, given by the Ontario chapter of the women's branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, were Malka Zweig of London, Arna Poupko of Oshawa, and Ann Feldman, Judy Taub and Suri Lowy of Toronto.

Each women was presented with a flowering plant by the organization, whose primary concern, says Feldman, is "to promote community projects that benefit the members of their respective synagogues."

In addition, members thanked outgoing chapter president Yolanda Engel and welcomed new chapter president Rochel Bomzer.

The group heard Jerry Rosenfield, principal of the junior high of the Associated Hebrew Schools, speak on "The Development of the Child in the Changing Modern Society."

Rosenfield said today's child is having a difficult time in modern society having to cope with the media, cults and the erosion of the nuclear family. He suggested that commitment to Torah precepts and traditional modes of Jewish thinking may provide solutions for contemporary families.

In his discussion of the family, Rosenfield said that, at the turn of the century, parents were confident in their roles as parents because they provided food, education and shelter for the sustenance of their children. In turn, the children had confidence in, and respect for, their parents.

"Today, however, modern middle class parents are insecure," he said. "They worry whether or not they're doing a good job of parenting." When a child senses worry, Rosenfield said, the child will have tremendous problems relating to the parents who were once models for emulation. The child may even begin to worry himself.

In addition, parents create their own dissatisfactions, he continued, by not being able to live with a child's problems — that is, expecting every child to be perfect. There are parents, said Rosenfield, who are unable to respect the right of the child to be different. "The family should be," he urged, "a fortress of support in difficult situations."

While it is easier than ever before to obtain a divorce in Canada, Rosenfield suggested that the children of divorced parents are the real losers. Although he did not advocate parents staying together for the sake of the children, he did say that children of divorce often "feel afraid, rejected, torn and unloved."

Rosenfield advised that a home life dedicated to Torah and mitzvahs and a solid Jewish education in a day school or yeshiva can help.

Torah values, he stressed, must be transferred and translated into a lifestyle that serves "as a protective shield against the ills of society. The child needs to experience full support and love at home. With all that the child sees as changing and temporary in society, he must see a rigid, unchanging commitment to Torah and Torah observance in the home."

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Esti Yeres [left], of Congregation Beth David in Brantford, gets together with new Ontario rebbetzins Ann Feldman of Willowdale's Northeast Hebrew Congregation, Malka Zweig of Congregation Beth Tefilah in London, Suri Lowy, of Toronto's Agudath Israel, and Judy Taub, of Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yaakov.

CONTEST WINNERS

Over 1,500 students from Toronto Jewish schools entered the first Chanukah card contest run by the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region. The children, in grades 1 to 9, were told to show the plight of Soviet Jews' fight for freedom and survival. Standing with contest winners are David Smith of the parliamentary committee on Soviet Jewry, Judith Bloom, chairman for the Committee on Soviet Jewry at Shaarei Shomayim, and Mira Koschitzky, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Pentecostal preacher regrets "wrong words"— JCRC asks for public apology for sermon

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — A Pentecostal preacher who delivered a sermon which has been branded as anti-semitic by the Joint Community Relations Committee has told The CJN he regrets his "wrong words" and says the tape made of the sermon has since been withdrawn from sale in his church's gift shop.

According to Ben Kayfetz, JCRC national director, the JCRC is drawing up a letter to forward to Faith Cathedral on Albion Road in Etobicoke, asking that its minister, Paul Melnichuk, make a public apology for a sermon that is "an old-fashioned, direct assault on Jews."

Prior to Melnichuk's acknowledgement to The CJN of his regret over the "misunderstanding" caused by his "wrong words," the executive of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress agreed unanimously to launch an official protest against Melnichuk to the provincial attorney-general. The decision was made during a recent executive meeting at which a tape of Melnichuk's sermon was played.

Specifically, Attorney-General Roy McMurtry will be asked to consider if Melnichuk is indictable under the anti-hate law provisions of the Criminal Code, Section 281, which makes illegal any "wilful incitement to hatred and contempt of any identifiable group" (that is, a religious or racial group).

"The tape, which was sold in the Faith Cathedral gift shop, reviles Jews in language not heard in this day and age," Kayfetz said.

Kayfetz reported that Melnichuk is from New Jersey, graduated from a Pentecostal seminary in Ontario and is no longer affiliated with the official Pentecostal assembly. His congregation is about two years old and has a membership of about 300 to 400 people.

On another JCRC matter, Kayfetz reported to the Ontario CJC meeting that the post office recently announced two postal bans of material deemed anti-semitic.

One ban forbids postal distribution of a Hungarian publication called Utescel, which emanates from Australia where a Hungarian emigre population now exists.

Another ban puts a lid on any mailing of literature under the rubric of Samisdat, published by Ernst Zundel, who distributes Nazi literature from Toronto.

Zundel's literature is prohibited under the regulation of the criminal code which bans use of the mails for purposes of inciting racial hatred and contempt. Kayfetz predicted Zundel would "fight like a tiger" against the ban. He said Zundel had already launched an appeal. But no problems were anticipated with the ban on the Hungarian publication because no appeal had been made, Kayfetz said.

UJWF encourages individuals to buy life insurance policies

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — In the past couple of months, life insurance policies totaling more than a million dollars have been purchased for the benefit of the United Jewish Welfare Fund's Endowment Fund.

This is the result of a new approach by the Welfare Fund to encourage individuals to purchase policies with the Fund named as the irrevocable owner and beneficiary.

A sum approximately equal to the premiums is donated by the donor to the Welfare Fund for which he receives a tax deductible receipt. The Welfare Fund uses the income to pay the premiums.

Or, under another version of the plan, individuals may use existing policies and substitute the current beneficiary with the Welfare Fund. The donor gets a receipt for the cash surrender value of the policy.

Insurance professional Harvey Shaw has provided the leadership in initiating this program. Others who have worked with him are Leo Fenson, Irvin Pitch, Earl Wintrob, Mel Gilbert and Al G. Brown.

Says Shaw: "The insurance purchasers are providing for meaningful charitable gifts at comparatively nominal cost and the Welfare Fund can anticipate an income in years to come as a hedge against future financing needs."

Shaw says a special feature of this insurance effort is that the companies underwriting the policies look upon United Jewish Appeal donors as a group and provide some of the concessions usually offered in group policies — including covering some people who might ordinarily be deemed uninsurable for health reasons, providing there is a sufficient number of insurable people in the program to balance the difference.

Shaw added that he has commitments for future discounts in other types of insurance if several hundred life policies can be written under this program.

"Of course, the UJA campaign is primary," Fenson added. "A donor's participation in this program is above and beyond his gift to UJA. But we feel that it is vital that the community work together to develop a major endowment fund to provide for the financial solvency of the Welfare Fund so that it may continue to provide a high level of service."

Each participating agent has agreed to purchase a policy of his own to give the program a solid foundation and so that he can readily approach a client with the information that he is a participant, as well.

Generally, the premiums run between 1% and 2% of the amount of the policy. For example, at age 35, a man can purchase a $20,000 policy at a cost of $200 per year. In addition, provision has been made for single premium policies — a 50-year old man could purchase a $45,000 policy with a one-time payment of $5,000; the same payment would result in a $100,000 policy for a 35-year old. (Rates for women are lower.)

"We would like as many agents as possible to participate in this program," Shaw said.

Anyone interested in purchasing a policy as a charitable gift to the UJWF should contact his or her agent or Ben Schneider, at 977-3811. Agents wishing to participate in the plan and who would like additional information should call Harvey Shaw at 224-2818.

Problems for businessmen looking for family to take over

JEROME SILVERBERG, a financial management consultant who provides management assistance to owner-managed companies in the Toronto area, deals here with the problems that can be faced in a family business — a timely topic for those firms where the head of the family is nearing retirement.

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"What's going to happen to my business when I'm gone?"

With many owners of family businesses now approaching retirement, this is a question that is frequently asked. Yet, surprisingly, few have made any serious attempts to answer this fundamentally important question.

At issue here is the morality of men, and the morality of their business, and as such, this is a tremendously difficult question to come to grips with.

However, ignoring the issue can only make its inevitable resolution more complex.

To further discuss the importance of this issue, I must digress, in order to show how similar circumstances have led to strikingly similar characteristics amongst family businesses.

The year was 1945 and men were home from the war. Confidence and ambition ran high in those days, backed as they were by the victory in Europe and the warm welcome home. But, thoughts inevitably turned now to the tough road ahead — settling down, building a family, some security, and making up for the years the war had taken away.

Some men had been able to save a little money through those tough times. Many were frustrated by the lack of jobs. The structure and regimentation that the armed forces had imposed was still a painfully vivid memory. Such was the scenario from which the seeds of many a family business were sowed. The businesses that resulted were as many and varied as the ambition and experiences of their owners.

The path to independence was an arduous one, to be sure. Painfully long hours, uncertainty, and small rewards. Nevertheless, the sustained economic growth of the 50s and 60s saw many of these businesses flourish. Many were well established by the time of the economic downturn of the 70s, and many remain prosperous to this day.

As many and varied as were these businesses, there remained strikingly similar characteristics. These businesses were started from scratch, founded and built by one owner, or a small group of owners. The drive and ambition of these owners was the only commodity that was not in short supply in those early days. The business plan was simple. Grow.

Layer upon layer, these owner/managers developed a comprehensive and complete knowledge of their business. Little attention was paid to formal controls. The years of experience made graphs, charts, and financial statements superfluous. Intuition was the primary decision making tool.

Neither was much attention paid to employees. To the outsider was delegated only the most routine and least responsible of jobs.

Meanwhile, the children were encouraged to aspire to higher education, a better way of life . . . and many did. While they all grew up with the business, few had much direct contact with the business over the years. Nevertheless, deep down, father knew that someone — son, daughter, niece, nephew — would emerge to take over the reigns, to maintain the family tradition, to benefit from all he had built.

Now we stand on the threshold of the 80s. The fathers should be approaching the best years of their lives — economic security without the hectic day-to-day pace of a business to burden them. For many, though, the future is still fraught with uncertainty. Three distinct, though not unpredictable, patterns have emerged.

In the first instance, the son is involved in the business but remains in the shadow of the father. Father is unwilling or unable to relinguish any responsibility or authority for the running of the business to his heir.

The second instance may or may not be an evolution of the first. Son is now in control of the business and it is father who remains in the shadows. The problem is, son now finds himself at the controls of a rudderless ship. For son, the 30 years of experience that father used to run his business are going to come about 25 years too late.

The third instance is the culmination of the previous ones. There is no one person either willing or able to carry on the business. Certainly, the business can be put up for sale, but it might be extremely difficult to find a buyer for a business whose chief asset is the skill and experience of its present owner.

The day of reckoning is imminent. The facts in each individual case are, for better or worse, the facts, and must be come to grips with. The single most important thing to realize is that the decision as to the ultimate fate of a business is too important a decision to be left to chance.

The steps necessary to come to a decision are straightforward. The first step requires a realistic assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the business, its owners, and its apparent heirs. The second step requires a determination of the needs of the business owner and his family. The final step is to prepare a list of objectives which satisfy the needs of the family, while at the same time taking into account those strengths and weaknesses.

The business plan is no longer so simple. The decisions to be made now by the business owner will be among the toughest of his career. A realistic assessment may not be possible without the objectivity of a professional advisor. However, regardless of how the decision is reached, only recognition of the problem and adequate planning will allow the business owner and his family to truly reap the full rewards of a lifetime of work.

$100,000 WINNERS

Helaine Shiff, [right] president of the Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, presents a check for $100,000 to Rachel and Danny Cohen, Willowdale, who were the winners of the fourth annual Ontario Rolls Royce raffle sponsored by the Foundation. The Cohens elected to accept the cash instead of the car. Daughter Eva is with her happy parents. Murray Warsh, Toronto, was another lucky winner in the draw held on Dec. 5 — his prize a JVC stereo package.

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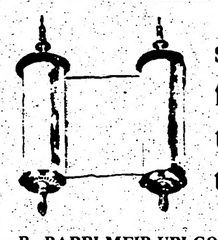

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Mikaytz/Chanukah 5742

The little lights of the Chanukah have guided us for more than 2,000 years. However dark it is outside, in the deep winter of troubles, a little candle shines.

On Chanukah, we must make our neshamas shine.

Reb Shmuel of Slonim prepared Chanukah lights for himself on Erev Shabbat. Before he lit them, he went to hear his grandfather, the "Yessod Ho'avodah," recite the blessings, and planned to return to light his own before Shabbat.

While he was away, another Jew passed by, saw the menorah all prepared with oil and wicks, and without hesitating, recited the blessing and lit the candles.

Reb Shmuel returned, and saw the candles already lit. There was no time to prepare a new menorah. Reb Shmuel looked at the lights, took a deep breath and murmured: "The Almighty Who commanded me to light Chanukah lights also commanded that I should not become angry. . . ."

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Why were the little lights chosen for the symbol of Chanukah? After all, it was a great military battle?

Said the Torah Ohr: "In the story of Chanukah, there was no question of the Jews being forced out of their land, as was later with the Babylonians and Romans. The Graeco-Syrians were quite satisfied that the Jews should remain, but not as Jews faithful to Torah. The Jews should turn into Hellenists. It was the Torah that should go into exile! The Jews should be cut off from the commandments.

"Mitzvahs are compared to a lamp, and the Torah to light. Therefore, when the Maccabees succeeded in conquering the Greeks, the little bright lamp, symbolizing Torah, became the centre of observance."

Thank G-d that we have returned today to Eretz Yisrael. We are living in pre-messianic times. The way is being laid for the advent of the Moshiach. Every stone and tree in Eretz Yisrael is holy, and every penny that is sent to rebuild the land is kodesh kodoshim.

But it's not enough, trees and stones and houses. The people must be rebuilt. The lamp must be relit, of Torah and kindness, so that every city in Israel becomes a light in the menorah!

We Jews must unite with each other . . . in holiness.

Says the Birchat Chayim: "In the ancient times they lit the menorah outside, but now it's customary to light it inside. Why? Before we were primarily concerned about our enemies from without, the ones who are pledged to destroy us. But today we must protect ourselves from internal enemies, those who divide us, who bring machlokes (arguments) or who would wrench us from our tradition with new 'improvements.' . . ."

Jews must be one nation under G-d. Canada repatriates its constitution, and we Jews must repatriate our constitution — the Torah.

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On Chanukah it's a custom to play various games. This recalls the time the Jews disguised their Torah study from the Greeks by seeming to play games.

Reb Simcha Bunim of Parshischa used to attempt to draw sinners back to Yiddishkeit by playing chess with them.

Once he was playing with a certain baal aveirah, and made a bad chess move, endangering his queen. "Please," he pleaded, "let me take back the move." His opponent agreed.

A few minutes later, he again made a bad move. "Please," he pleaded again, "let me pull back."

"One time I forgive your mistake," answered the baal aveirah, "but not a second time."

The Parshischa nodded, and began singing: "Woe to the man who goes a way that is no way. One time it's forgiven, but a second time they don't forgive. . . ." His "opponent" decided to repent.

It's time to stop doing aveiros. Shabbat Shalom.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

MPP David Rotenberg [left] was among many presenting awards to super-scholar Solomon Birnbaum on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Looking on is son Eliezer.

Pioneer Yiddish linguist happy to still be alive at 90

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

"My having lived to 90 is no personal accomplishment," said Solomon Birnbaum. "But anyway," he added, with a broad smile, "I'm still glad to be here."

The pioneer Yiddish linguist and Hebrew paleographer was responding to a shower of good wishes during a recent community celebration of his birthday, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Israel Frankel Public Library.

Birnbaum also acknowledged the devotion and contributions of his wife of 56 years, Irene. "Instead of pursuing her own academic career, she devoted herself to raising a family. As well, she has been my most helpful and reliable critic."

Birnbaum received telegrams of congratulations from Prime Minister Trudeau, Governor-General Ed Schreyer, and Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan. A plaque signed by Ontario premier William Davis was presented to Birnbaum by MPP David Rotenberg. He was made an honorary citizen of Metropolitan Toronto by Controller Esther Shiner, representing Metro Council and its chairman Paul Godfrey.

Mira Koschitzky, president of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, read a message recognizing Birnbaum's "contribution to Canadian multiculturalism" from CJC national president Irwin Cotler.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, spiritual leader of the Clanton Park Synagogue praised Birnbaum as a "scholar's scholar." He said: "His Yiddish research is an integral part of his Ahavas Yisroel, his love for the Jewish language, culture and people. His study of Hebrew letters and forms is part of his Ahavas Torah."

Rabbi Kerzner congratulated Birnbaum for his lifelong zeal for traditional Judaism, which now saw him "surrounded by his children and grandchildren, all Torah-committed."

Among the 150 friends, relatives and wellwishers present at the ceremony were Birnbaum's three sons — Jacob, Eliezer and David — and his grandchildren. His daughter resides in England and was unable to attend.

Jacob Birnbaum of New York is the founder and U.S. national director of both the Centre for Russian and East European Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Eliezer, who lives half a block away from his father, in north Toronto, is professor of Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto.

David, who also lives nearby, is a senior environmental planner for the province of Ontario.

Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller, of the University of Toronto's history department, said that "nothing important in modern Jewish history escaped the Birnbaum dynasty."

Birnbaum's father, Nathan, was a pioneer in, successively, the Zionist, Yiddish culture and Agudat Israel movements. Birnbaum's work on the evolution of the Yiddish language, the standardization of its grammar and the resolution of current problems in Yiddish lingusitics have made him a major influence on other scholars for six decades.

Birnbaum's expertise in Hebrew letter forms, still unexceeded in world scholarship, allowed him in 1947 to establish the date of the Dead Sea Scrolls solely by the shape of their lettering. This confirmed the simultaneous researches of two other major scholars using different techniques — Dr. William Albright of Johns Hopkins and Dr. E. L. Sukenik of Hebrew University (father of General Yigal Yadin).

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of B'nai B'rith and CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee, gave some personal reminiscences of a meeting with Birnbaum 36 years ago. While in the army overseas, Kayfetz attended a lecture given by Birnbaum and walked him home. "Even then, he had real hadar panim" (radiance of visage), Kayfetz said.

Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein, director of the Israel Frankel Jewish Public Library, cited Birnbaum as "representing not only skill and learning, but what a human being can be when he achieves his potential."

He recalled Birnbaum's "legendary feats" of reading the proofs for his book while in the trenches under heavy bombardment and continuing to work in a military hospital while recovering from a bullet in the neck. "It shows a marvellous fortitude and faith in the value of life and in each moment of life," said Wolkenstein.

Chairman of the community tribute to Birnbaum was Prof. Arthur Kruger, dean of the University of Toronto faculty of arts and sciences.

Jews must be politically aware, declares rabbi

By MARSHA EINES

TORONTO —

The Torah teaches that politics is a necessary evil but nevertheless Jews must be politically aware to prevent transgressions against the covenantal relationship between man and God, says a Buenos Aires scholar, Rabbi Leon Klenicki.

Rabbi Klenicki spoke at the recent annual Arthur J. Siggner memorial lectures at Holy Blossom Temple. His address was co-sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

In his lecture entitled Religion and Political Extremism, Rabbi Klenicki said religion has often been used as pretext for political ends. In particular, he cited the church's frequent extrapolation of teachings from the New Testament to justify its political adventures.

In referring to the passage in Luke 22:38, which states that Christians have "two swords," Klenicki explained that the church eventually interpreted the expression as meaning a "sword of the spirit," that is, the church, and a "sword of secular power," that is, the state.

A dangerous situation arises when power falls into the hands of religious leaders who then face the temptation of believing they are omnipotent, Rabbi Klenicki said.

He also pointed to situations in Latin America where religion has been exploited for political ends of the state and the army.

However, the rabbi stressed that many religious spokesmen in Latin America and elsewhere in the Third World have shifted their ideology from the right to the left and are raising their voices for the poor and hungry.

The problem with the shift towards the political left, however, said Klenicki, was that many Christian leaders were becoming "romantically enchanted" with the political ideology of the Third World.

He said many clergy aim to be like Lord Byron, dreaming of sharing and redistributing wealth. But Klenicki pointed out that such romanticism is simplistic; moreover, it often accepts violence as a fait accompli.

Theologians are obligated to listen to all viewpoints, Klenicki said, but he stressed there must be limits to sympathy, citing a case of misplaced sympathy (that he calls "the greatest joke I've ever heard"). The Christian Council of Churches visited Israel to investigate an alleged lack of human rights, then two days later, Council members were at a meeting with Arafat in Lebanon.

"Religious people have the obligation to listen with patience to everyone, but if you recognize someone whose hands are deep in blood, you're recognizing the victimizers without recognizing the victims," he said.

Mark Gayn dies

TORONTO —

Mark Gayn, one of Canada's most distinguished newspapermen, died last week at 72 after a long illness.

At the time of his death, he had just completed a book, "New Japan Diary," which will be published next year.

Gayn, a Chinese-born Russian Jew, was a foreign affairs expert who travelled the world in search of stories. He spoke several languages, including Russian and Chinese, and he was on friendly terms with many of the leaders of Asia and Europe.

Gayn was employed by a succession of newspapers and magazines. He joined The Toronto Star in 1959 and remained with that paper until the end.

Paul Martin, Canada's external affairs minister from 1963 to 1968, called him "one of Canada's really great and authoritative" journalists. Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., referred to Gayn "as a breed of journalist we don't have much of today." Yeshayahu Anug, Israel's envoy to Canada, described his death "an irreplaceable loss for his friends and his reading public. Honest journalism has lost a great craftsman."

He was born in Manchuria, the son of a lumber mill owner. "At the age of 13 I found my true love: journalism," he wrote in a 1944 autobiography, "Journey From The East."

At the age of 20, Gayn left China to study in the U.S. After graduating from the Columbia School of Journalism, he was hired by The Washington Post as a China correspondent. In 1939, he joined the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Two years later, he switched to Newsweek, and then to Time. In 1945, he became Tokyo bureau chief for The Chicago Sun.

Gayn immigrated to Canada in 1952 and joined The Montreal Star and Star Weekly.

In his eventful career, Gayn covered developments in Asia, South America, Europe and the Middle East. In one of his last trips, he retraced Marco Polo's route along the ancient Silk Road through the Gobi Desert.

Among the world leaders he interviewed were Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, Nikita Khrushchev, Indira Ghandi and Israeli prime ministers from David Ben-Gurion on. Gayn was an ardent supporter of Israel.

He leaves his wife, Suzanne, a former Hungarian actress whom he met while on assignment in Budapest in 1949.

Emil Fackenheim is called Jewish conscience on campus

By JOAN ALEXANDER

TORONTO —

Prof. Emil Fackenheim, who is leaving Toronto to teach at the Institute for Contemporary Jewry and Jewish Thought at Hebrew University, was honored at a reception held recently at Holy Blossom Temple under auspices of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. The reception also honored Dr. Charles Gold, who was inducted as the new president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends.

Paying tribute to Fackenheim, who will return to teach at the University of Toronto every year for the next few years, Rabbi Gunther Plaut praised him for the "indelible and invaluable impression he has made on the Jewish world," and for his "catalogue of achievements," which includes the authorship of more than 150 essays and books.

Said Rabbi Plaut: "The academic fields in Israel will be fructified by his presence."

According to Arthur Kruger, dean of U of T's arts and sciences faculty, Fackenheim has been the "quintessential Jewish professor" throughout his 30-year association with the university. Whether contributing to UJA, speaking about Jewish causes, or counseling troubled Jewish students, "Emil Fackenheim has always been the Jewish voice and Jewish conscience on campus."

Fackenheim, ordained as a rabbi in Berlin in 1939, reminisced about his initial "uneasiness" upon his arrival in Toronto. Desiring to continue his studies in philosophy, which were interrupted by the war, he approached the U of T "in the middle of the year, with no BA, no MA, and a rabbinic diploma."

He recalled that within five minutes he was deeply engulfed in a discussion on Aristotle and "I felt that I'd never left home." He added that he'd always been satisfied with his position at the university and had never thought to "move from place to place" to advance his career.

According to Fackenheim, the worship of impartiality and objectivity was largely responsible for the greatness of German universities in the 19th century. Indeed, Fackenheim said, scholarship requires the objective sifting of elements.

But what, he asked, of the Holocaust? "If we waited for 500 years to study the Holocaust objectively," he said, "I am afraid we may not study it at all."

Fackenheim suggested that the traditional German-European university model needed a "sprinkling of American initiative."

At the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, "scholars are gripped by the fact that this is an age of Jewish history . . . scholars of the Holocaust, scholars of Jewish education at the height of studying contemporary values and at the most ordinary level are studying some such subject as Jewish demography in South America."

Ironically, Fackenheim was admitted to the department of philosophy at Hebrew University in 1939. He said if someone asks him today for his university qualifications, he will respond that his qualification is the quality of "savlanut," patience.

Later, Dr. Gold, chairman of the 1982 UJA campaign cabinet, was inducted as Toronto chapter president of the Canadian Friends, succeeding Wilfred Posluns. Gold, an active member of CFHU for many years, echoed a commitment to Jewish education. The Hebrew University was born in the infancy of Zionism, he said, and from it, our future leaders are likely to emerge.

Letter

Beth Radom

You reported on the 20th anniversary celebration of the Beth Radom Congregation in your Dec. 10 issue. Here are a few more details about the event which I, as the shul's president, would like to share with your readers.

Our secretary-treasurer Molly Wingust and Max Wingust, who is house chairman, could not attend. Mrs Wingust was sitting shiva for her late brother Louis Lacki.

Abe Nisker's contributions as recording secretary must be mentioned.

Bronka Weisberg — not Esther Weisberg, as in The CJN report — presented a check for $500 to the congregation on behalf of its sisterhood. She is the latter's vice-chairlady.

Ben Hoffman, vice-chairman of the Radomer Mutual Benefit Society, presented gifts to the people who did work for the congregation.

Henry Rosenbaum appealed to members to bring their children into the congregation's membership and otherwise support Beth Radom.

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[Michael Rumack photo]
Louise Rosenbloom [left] and Wendy Platt show off new Hadassah-WIZO poster.

Local Hadassah helps support Hadassim

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Chanukah has special significance for the close to 500 children from 30 countries who live at Hadassim, the village and educational institution near Haifa sponsored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. It was on Dec. 18, 1944, the last day of the Festival of Lights, that the first furrow was plowed on a tract of land near the malaria-infested Wadi Falk, which, in less than three years, became the first stage of the 100-acre campus.

Today, the members of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO are deeply involved in assuring their annual support for Hadassim, 14 day care centres and two kindergartens. Throughout the city, they are selling $1 raffle tickets in the hope of raising $60,000.

Each year, as soon as the Hadassah bazaar has closed its doors, the Hadassim committee begins work. Louise Rosenbloom, 1981 chairman, and her vice-cahirman, Wendy Platt, are proud of these facilities and their role in assuring that the services continue.

"Hadassim is considered the best academic school in Israel," Rosenbloom says. "Most of the children arrive in despair, in trouble with the authorities, as refugees, without hope or a sense of happiness. At Hadassim, they find a loving substitute family, which helps them reach their potential, teach them and prepare them for a productive and successful life.

"Of the 5,000 most recent granduates, not one has been in trouble with the law since leaving school and many have gone on to institutions of higher learning, business of professions."

The first residents were 50 Hungarian and Polish orphans of the Holocaust and an equal number of sabras. The newest students include refugees from Soviet Russia, Iran and Cambodia. The school has developed a unique method of integrating the immigrants through a combined teaching plan in both Hebrew and their own native languages.

The day care centres and kindergartens are scattered throughout Israel and are used by Jewish and Arab children. They have served as a vehicle for teaching impoverished and backward families about life in a modern society. Special classes and services are also provided for the mothers.

The Rose Dunkelman Day Care Centre in Jerusalem is supported solely by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO.

The raffle tickets each have a "$1 off" coupon for a hairstyling at Magicutts, as an added incentive. The draw for three top prizes — $5,200 cash, a trip for two to Barbados and a 20-inch color television — will take place on March 1 at an open meeting at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

Support for Hadassim and the day care centres and kindergartens can also be provided through the purchase of donation cards at $5 each minimum and limited posters, with the same design of children dancing the hora, at $25 each. In addition, the support-a-child project offers the opportunity to sponsor a child at one of the centres.

For information on the Hadassim and day-care centre projects, call the Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

[Graphic Artists photo]
All eyes are on Harold Rapp at recent Young Adults UJA telethon. Beside him is David Brown. Standing, from left, are, Tova Kelman, Sheila Hochman, Ros Krakowsky, Harriet Sidler, Susan Marcus and Cindy Singer.

They love fund raising

TORONTO —

Where do medical internes, articling lawyers, new graduates and those just entering the work force fit in? In the United Jewish Appeal scheme of things, it's the Young Adults division, now in its fifth year and growing stronger with each campaign.

According to co-chairmen Ros Krakowsky and Ernie Roll, the division now has close to 900 names on file and 400 active contributors and canvassers. There have been three telethons for the 1982 campaign through which $30,000 has been raised to date.

Members of the division generally fit in the age range between 22 and 28 years and once they have established themselves in careers, move on to Young Executives.

"It's a good way to become involved in fund raising," say both Krakowsky and Roll. "We all feel very comfortable with each other. The people we approach for contributions are pretty well at the same level in their earning capacity, so we can emphathize."

The division got off to a good start early in the campaign with a strawberry and champagne party to recruit new canvassers. That was followed by a leadership training seminar.

Now in the planning stage for Young Adults is a fund raising dance to be held in February.

Friends of the late
JOSEPH SHOHAM ז"ל
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Board of Jewish Education
Media Resources Centre
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Beth Jacob holds 21st annual banquet

By MARSHA EINES

TORONTO —

More than 400 parents, supporters and alumnae of Beth Jacob High School and Teachers College recently heard a New York scholar discuss what he described as "women's extra measure of undertaking."

The event was the school's 21st annual banquet, which also featured:

• Presentation of a special award to two students, Tsivi Chase and Robin Wolfe by Hilda Nussbaum.

• A symbolic explanation of the school's philosophy, by principal Akiva Stefansky.

• A medley of traditional Jewish songs, by Cantor Harold Klein of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Beth Jacob, on Lawrence Ave., is an Orthodox girls' secondary school stressing treacher education. Most of its students are graduates of Eitz Chaim.

Guest speaker at the banquet, Rabbi Israel Miller of Kollel Beit Yitzhak in Pittsburgh, described several incidents in past and present Jewish history demonstrating his thesis "that women are capable of perceiving things that men, while equally intelligent, cannot." He is the author of several traditionally-oriented works, including "Ten Jewish Women in Contemporary Society."

"About 2,000 years ago, Rachel, the daughter of a wealthy and respected man in Israel, fell in love with an illiterate shepherd. She saw in him untold greatness. Her father saw nothing more than an uneducated peasant. She married the man and urged him to begin school, at 40 years of age.

"That man is known to us now as Rabbi Akiva," said Rabbi Miller. (Akiva, an outstanding sage of the Talmud, became the period's leading spiritual light.)

"The point is, Rachel saw something that her father and others didn't. She spotted his hidden greatness and encouraged him until he really did become as great as she knew him to be," said Miller.

He related another incident that took place in the same period. The prodigy Rabbi Elazer ben Azaryah was offered the position of academy head at the age of 18, by Rabbi Akiva and his illustrious associate, Rabbi Gamaliel. Rabbi Azaryah declined, saying he needed advice before giving his decision.

"To whom could have Azaryah turned who would have known better than those two sages whether he was fit for the job?" said Miller. "His wife or course."

She pointed out to Azaryah, Miller said, that his youthfulness might foster disrespect among the students. The great stress and responsibility might cause his own learning to suffer. Azaryah decided to decline the position when, overnight, his hair turned gray.

Azaryah accepted after all, because of the miracle that underscored his wife's concern, said Rabbi Miller.

Miller also discussed the case of a recent "baal'as t'shuva" by the name of Patti, who was studying in a yeshiva in Israel. She had wanted to find out more about her Judaism for years, but it was not until she heard a song by two other baal'ot t'shuva — on a kibbutz in Israel, as it happened — that she found the right spark. "They knew what she needed," said Miller. "Neither the religious professors, men, at the campus where she had been studying, nor the speakers had been able to respond to her needs," he said.

Rabbi Stefansky, principal, compared Beth Jacob's teaching philosophy to rain, in a simple parable.

Water from rivers or wells can be controlled by the strong, by bullies. Mist from above may water the valleys, but not the hills. Just as only rain waters both hills and valleys and is beyond monopolization, so Beth Jacob's education is geared to every child's needs and is made available regardless of financial circumstances, said Stefansky.

Master of ceremonies for the banquet, held at the Constellation Hotel, was Samuel Klein.

Need Jewish education for survival, says rabbi

TORONTO —

Jewish education has become, and in the next decades will become, ever more synonymous with Jewish survival, according to Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education.

Quoting Prof. Salo Baron, Witty said that assimilation as a force in Jewish life "is only beginning." When this situation is taken together with the decline in Jewish birth rates, the community must seek, in increasing degree, to have quality Jewish education serve as a vehicle for the preservation of Jewish life, he said.

"The decline in Jewish population statistics everywhere in the Jewish world outside of Israel means," according to the rabbi, "that there will be smaller numbers of Jewish children to populate our schools, despite the continued growth of enrolments in Toronto Jewish schools. In a very short time, we will face an ever-constricting pool of professionals from which to draw teachers and principles."

Witty spoke at a conference of Jewish day school administrators and educational directors held recently at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster, Communiity Hebrew Academy, underscored the need for Jewish educators to develop greater sensitivity to special educational needs of the learning disabled. He also stressed the need to convey to students the "unique destiny" of the individual Jew.

Arthur Tannenbaum, executive administrator, Associated Hebrew Schools, discussed the pressing financial circumstances faced by the schools. During the past seven years, tuition fees have increased by almost 100%. He expressed concern about the ability of day schools to pay reasonable teacher salaries in the face of serious economic hardship which is beginning to confront the day schools.

"Our precarious position must be the concern of every Jewish individual in Toronto," he said.

Dr. Donald Musella, professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, presented workshops in Management Techniques, Evaluation Procedures, and Time Budgeting.

Conference co-ordinators were Harold Malitzky, associate director, Board of Jewish Education, who also served as closing speaker at the seminar, and Gary M. Diamond, principal, general studies, Community Hebrew Academy.

Other program participants were: Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, principal, United Synagogue Day School; Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, principal, general studies, Eitz Chaim Schools; Dr. Shoshana Kurtz, senior consultant, BJE; Bernard Shoub, director of school finances, BJE; Pearl Goldberg, assistant principal, USDS; and Gloria Humphrey, principal, elementary division, Associated Hebrew Schools.

Joseph Goldwasser, executive vice-president, Eitz Chaim, was conference chairman.

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An announcement indicating the new date of the concert will appear in The Canadian Jewish News.
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SAT., JAN. 23, 8 P.M., **TRIVIA NIGHT.** Jointly sponsored by Sisterhood & Men's Club, $5 per person; individual & table reservations available, 781–3511. Everyone welcome!

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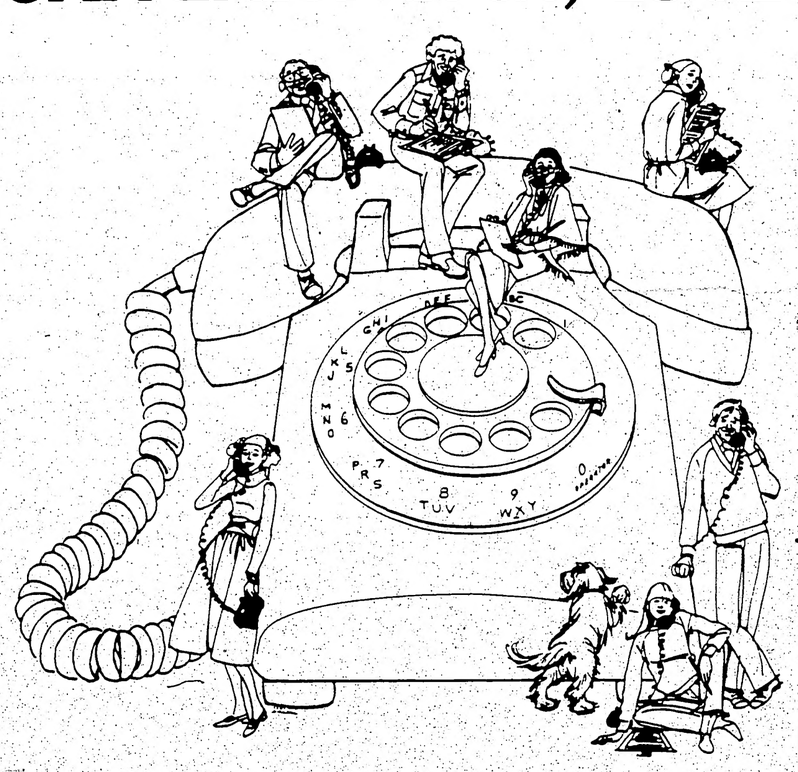

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Organizations and People

[Ben Lechtman photo]

CHANUKAH JOY

The Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired held a Chanukah party at Council House which attracted over 100 people. Cantor Mitch Martin played the piano and led the hearing impaired in singing popular Chanukah songs which were "signed" or interpreted by Eddie Wiesblatt, TJSHI member, and Ruth Martin, a volunteer with Toronto section National Council of Jewish Women. From left: Harry Anker, Russel Weber, Tema Weber, Shawn Anker and David Wiseblatt light the menorah.

Uncertainty and sadness greet her on Israeli visit

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For Batia Phillips, the new president of Hamilton Women's ORT, her annual trip to Israel to visit her daughter, Idit Melamed, son-in-law Avner and two granddaughters had always been a source of great pride as she watched their moshav between Yamit and El Arish grow from desert into a flourishing farming community.

This fall, when she arrived at Harovit, she was greeted by a profound sense of uncertainty and sadness. The land the young farmers had worked so hard to develop is becoming desert once more as the few remaining settlers wait to move to their new location in the Negev near Beersheva, while the Israeli government prepares to hand over the last part of the Sinai to the Egyptians next April in accordance with the Camp David agreements.

"It is a very sad sight," says Phillips. "No one works the land any more. The place is deserted, the wind blows through the moshav; no one cares any more. The whole atmosphere is one of waiting: Where are we going? Waht are we going to do?"

She tells of a couple she visited at nearby Sadot, a particularly successful agricultural settlement, "who started with nothing. All they had were their 10 fingers." They began to grow strawberries and became so successful that soon "people were coming from all over Europe to see them. They built a fantastic house and now . . . nothing!"

In the cozy living room of her farm house in Greensville, just outside Hamilton, Phillips is torn between concern for her daughter's and the other settlers' future and the knowledge that peace is more important.

For peace "you have to give up a lot," she sighs. "It is such a painful period. They started with such enthusiasm, such hopes . . . and then to see it all disintegrating—before their eyes. It is so hard to grow a tree . . . anything that is green."

Born in Haifa of Polish immigrants at a time when most of the country was still desert and swamp, Phillips knows well what it means.

She left Israel in the early 1960s — reluctantly, she admits — when her late first husband's business interests took them first to Burma, then to Switzerland and finally to Canada. Idit, the eldest of her three children, was unhappy here and returned to Israel at age 17 and, every year since, Mrs. Phillips has traveled to Israel "just to see what's going on."

One of the things she learned about during her last trip was the story of a retired carpenter who set up a workshop for senior citizens at an ORT school which, in turn, led to the establishment by the students of a "senior citizens help fleet" to respond to emergency calls from seniors.

It's the kind of thing that makes her proud to be a member of that organization although, she confesses, she never took on "any major job and I wasn't really so keen on becoming president." But now that she is, she says

Batia Phillips

she finds it "very challenging" and has thrown herself wholeheartedly into the job, finding time between running her real estate business, growing "everything we can put in the freezer," tending to her husband, teen-age daughter Ilana — son Michael is a science student at Western University — and looking after three horses, a dog, the "barn cat" and a canary.

Coming up on Jan. 10 is the annual theatre night, Hamilton ORT's major fund raising event, with two showings at the Broadway Theatre at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., of "Image Before My Eyes," the documentary of the Polish Jewish community before the Holocaust. In the spring, there will be a repeat of last year's successful 2-day Galleria of Arts and Crafts on the Victoria Day weekend.

Church, temple members take 2-week tour of Israel

By WOLF MATSDORF

TIBERIAS, Israel —

A Shabbat service in a 2,000-year-old black basalt synagogue here was one of the highlights of a joint tour of Israel led by the Holy Blossom Temple's Rabbi Harvey Fields and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church's Rev. Stanford Lucyk.

About 70 members of the two Toronto congregations participated in the 2-week tour, which was preceded by several months of inter-faith study.

Benefits of the tour, according to both spiritual leaders, included:

- A deepened awareness of the common roots of Judaism and Christianity.
- A more immediate understanding of some of the area's political disputes.
- An insight into the workings of pluralism.

"The tour enabled participants to see and experience Israel through each others' eyes and traditions," said Rabbi Fields. "They were mutual experiences money could not buy."

The tour included sites in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, the Galil, Masada, Nazareth, Safed, Tiberias, the Golan Heights and visits to the Syrian and Lebanese borders.

Members of the group found a special prayer and kaddish he recited at Yad Vashem particularly moving, said Fields.

"I think participants from my congregation discovered the Jewish roots of Christianity," added Lucyk.

After visiting the Church of the Nativity and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, participants were addressed by the town's mayor, Elias Freij. His talk, according to Lucyk, "gave all a better realization that no immediate, just solution can be found for the Middle East situation."

Participants were exposed to the minority segments contributing to Israeli society. A talk by the Armenian archbishop centred on the mass murder and persecution of Armenians by the Turks in the 1920s. Jerusalem's pluralistic nature was underscored during a visit to the Old City: at the Western Wall, Jews were praying and Yeshiva boys dancing while the sound of church bells rang through the air.

"This has helped us as Canadians to better understand and evaluate the concept and pattern of pluralism. We take a Christian majority for granted at home, but there are now in Canada more Moslems than Presbyterians," said Lucyk.

Fields said that Israel's increasing isolation makes the availability of a pool of informed and concerned non-Jews a valuable asset.

Food stores going metric

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Food stores across Canada will begin the changeover to the metric system early in January. Conversion will start simultaneously in 21 areas nationwide, and will cover the rest of the country progressively in two years.

Cities starting to convert in January include Metropolitan Montreal, Ottawa/Hull, Metropolitan Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Halifax. Centres such as London, Ont., Sydney, N.S., and Vancouver will begin the changeover late in 1982.

Together with prepackaged food which has been sold in metric units for several years now, individually weighed store items such as cheese or fruit will also be sold on a metric basis. This will be made possible by converting all store scales from imperial to metric measures.

Tax relief will be given to retailers who buy new scales and to those who convert old ones.

Frank Dugal, a consultant with Metric Commission Canada, said at a recent news conference that, for two years, stores will be allowed to advertise in imperial and metric weights as long as the metric measure is emphasized.

After two years, only metric advertising will be permitted.

How much will it cost retailers to switch to the new system? Dugal has no definite figures yet, but since metric conversion was introduced under the revision of Canada's Ways and Measures Act in 1970, it has already cost $35 million.

Although Dugal said there have been some complaints in areas where metric weights were used on a trial basis (Sherbrooke, Que., Peterborough, Ont., and Kamloops, B.C.), he noted that, in recent national Commission polls, nearly 54% of the population was in favor of conversion.

To aid homemakers during the transition, the Commission has sponsored a $100,000 metric cooking program under which two cooks will conduct metric cooking classes across Canada over the next three months.

Information pamphlets and posters will be available in stores for consumers as well as retailers, so that they can adapt to metric units.

If there are any consumer complaints during the changeover, the Commission has asked shoppers to discuss difficulties, such as price discrepancies, with store managers, the federal corporate affairs department or the Commission.

Metric conversion is nearly completed in gasoline, drugs, textiles, road signs and other units measured in grams and kilograms.

During the transition period when some shipments may still be received in pounds, you can convert pounds to kilograms by multiplying the number of pounds by 0.45 to get the equivalent number of kilograms.

Correction

Harry Topper, an active member of the Jewish community who died recently, is survived by a son whose name is Victor, not Richard, as indicated in the Dec. 17 issue of The CJN. Besides Victor, Topper is also survived by his wife, Florence, four grandchildren — Lori, David, Randi and Sari — and a great grandson, Adam Moishele.

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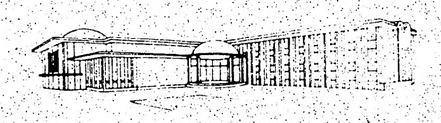

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Aesthetician offers gift coupons

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Aesthetician Carol Wise, who operates the newly-opened Academy of Makeup in Willowdale, wants her clients to look and feel better for the holidays. She has gift coupons available which make for "wise" Chanukah gift giving, she says.

A $48 coupon entitles you to 4½ hours of makeup instruction — in two classes. A 10% discount is available on all makeup products used in the course.

For $60 she sells a makeover consultation certificate that comes with $10 worth of Carol Wise cosmetics, all claimed to be allergy-free.

During the makeover you apply cosmetic to half your face, while Wise completes the other half.

Wise's coupons for straight makeup application costs $35.

A honey and almond deep pore cleanser ($12.50), which can be used once a week for all skins, a light moistuirizer for oily skin ($10), a night cream ($10), and water-base foundation ($7), are included in Wise's makeup collection.

She has a skin care line for men, as well, like a basic cleansing cream and freshener for dry/normal skin, and a cleanser gel and astringent for oily skin.

Classes at the Academy of Makeup, available during the afternoons and evenings (8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) start with basic skin care. Instruction with about four to six people per class is geared to students and housewives, as well as career women.

Participants learn about their own skin type, how to cleanse, apply masks and to moisturize and apply foundation. The second class consists of techniques to contour the face — highlighitng bone structure, covering blemishes, applying under-eye coverup and trying an eyebrow arch. Daytime eye makeup techniques make up the third class. The fourth, stresses the glamour look — working with colors in the evening.

Wise began her cosmetics career as a creative arts student and model in Toronto, later working as a demonstrator, consultant and teacher in skin care and makeup application for major cosmetic companies.

She has worked with Canadian personalities such as Miss Teen Canada and Miss Canada. In the United States her clients have included film stars Joyce Davidson, Linda Carter (Wonder Woman) and Sally Struthers (All in the family).

Wise also applies wedding makeup for brides.

For more information on Wise's gift certificates, or her Academy of Makeup, call her at 493-4788.

"Masquerade" fable is a good gift

One of the best bets in gift books this year, if the recipient hasn't already got it, is Masquerade, a fable written and illustrated by Englishman Kit Williams.

It's not only a best seller, but a fad. The original edition appeared in England about three years ago and continues to spread around the world as the book is published in additional countries. It's published by Clarke Irwin here and sells for about $12.

It's a beautiful picture book whose art has a surreal, fantastic quality to it. Each painting has a hare in it and is framed by riddles, with some of the letters forming anagrams.

The point is to crack the code and riddles and find a buried golden, jeweled hare. The author has buried it somewhere in England and his book provides the clues necessary to find it.

Who would like it? People of any age from teenage up who like crossword puzzles, astrology or mystery stories. It's also a good gift for trendies who like to be in on all the latest fads.

Other good gift books for adults are Mavis Gallant's short stories, Home Truths; Peter C. Newman's The Acquisitors; Political Memoirs of David Lewis; The Young Vincent Massey by Claude Bissell; Fonda: My Life, Henry Fonda's autobiography; Barker Fairley Portraits; Social Studies by Fran Lebowitz; Mrs. Harris, Diana Trilling's story of the murder of the Scarsdale diet doctor; Jane Brody's Nutrition Book; Rabbit is Rich by John Updike; Vichy France and the Jews, an account of the Jews in France during World War II by Michael R. Marrus and Robert O. Paxton; Cosmos by Carl Sagan, who explains the evolution of the universe, and The Big Book of Jewish Humor by William Novak and Moshe Waldoks.

For very young children The Children's Book Store recommends among new books Spot's First Walk by Eric Hill (about $9); Good Night, Fred by Rosemary Wells ($11.50); Peek-a-Boo by Janet and Allan Ahlberg ($10.50) and Belinda's Ball by Canadian author Joan Bodger (about $10).

For older children, there's Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (about $11), the latest in a series by Beverly Cleary about a mischievous little girl who appeals to boy readers too.

Two Canadian novels for readers just getting into novels are Janet Lunn's The Root Cellar, a time travel book back to the 1860s (about $15 in hardback and $8 in paper) and Joan Weir's So, I'm Different, the story of a Canadian Indian boy (about $14 in hardback and $6 in paper).

For teen-age girls, the newest Judy Blume book should please. It's Tiger Eyes and sells for about $14. Teen boys might enjoy A Perfect Day for Kites by Monique Corriveau (about $14 in hardback and $6 in paper), which is set in Quebec.

Kids' records appeal to listeners of all ages

By JUDITH KNELMAN

"If everybody listened to children's music, this world would be such a good place," sighed Janis Rubenzahl, who selects records for The Children's Book Store.

She's reluctant to put age limits on the records she recommends as gifts because some appeal to all ages, from very young children up.

She herself has Sharon, Lois and Bram's In the Schoolyard and Fred Penner's The Polka Dot Pony and listens to them often at home, when she's relaxing. The first record, which sells for about $9, is old-fashioned folk music jazzed up with a lot of instruments and good arrangements, she says. The second, which costs about $8, has stories and foot-stomping music in a sort of modern day minstrel style, says Miss Rubenzahl.

These and other Canadian records for children attract Americans, who can't get them at home because record companies in the U.S. think they won't sell there. She's sure they're wrong.

A standout is Chris and Ken Whitely, in Junior Jug Band (about $8), a wonderful amalgam of sound from washboards, banjos, harmonicas, etc. Another good one for children of any age is In Harmony, No. 2 (about $9), a collection of children's music that's sort of soft rock. It includes Billy Joel, Janis Ian, James Taylor and Lou Rawls.

Inch by Inch, by Sandra Beech, sister of the Irish Rovers, is a Canadian record that features folk songs that would please any child from the age of 4 up. The same goes for Harbour Grace, Canadian folk songs of Eastern Canada sung by Rick Avery and Judy Greenhill. These sell at about $8 each.

For the Sesame Street set there's a Canadian record called Camping in Canada by Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch. This one, about $9, has lots of dialogue with the songs. Older children might like Don Harron's version of the Old Testament, called Charlie Farquharson's Bible Stories for Children. It's about $7 and its big feature is the sound effects, says Rubenzahl.

For older children she recommends The Story of Swan Lake, a new record by the English actress Claire Bloom, who tells the story with music interspersed. It's $8.50, and older ones in that series are The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty.

Two American records on her list of recommendations are See and Be: Yoga and Creative Movement for Children, by Rachel Carr at $8.50 and Rosenschantz, a different and very funny record that has many children's voices on it.

For teen-agers she recommends an American series, CBS Great Performances. These sell for about $7 and there are about 50 to choose from in cassettes and discs. All the basic symphonic concert material from Beethoven to Vivaldi done by great performers in the past has been reissued in this set.

Rose experts meet

JERUSALEM —

A total of 350 experts on rose breeding from 23 states attended the recent triennial conference of the World Federation of Rose Societies, in Jerusalem. They came from Europe, North America, Australia and the Far East. Egypt was the only Arab state represented.

It is estimated that about half a million people all over the world are devoted to rose husbandry.

A rose garden of 40,000 bushes is being cultivated between the Knesset and the Bank of Israel. Funded by the Wohl family of Geneva, through the Jerusalem Foundation, it is expected to be a breathtaking spectacle, including a "garden of the nations" whose flowerbeds will be decorated with national flags. One thousand varieties of roses will be grown, watered by drip irrigation, a system in which Israel is among the world's most advanced countries.

Israel today exports 175 million roses every season (in 1958 the figure was 70,000).

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Travel

Relive the good old days

Cruising down the Mississippi River in style

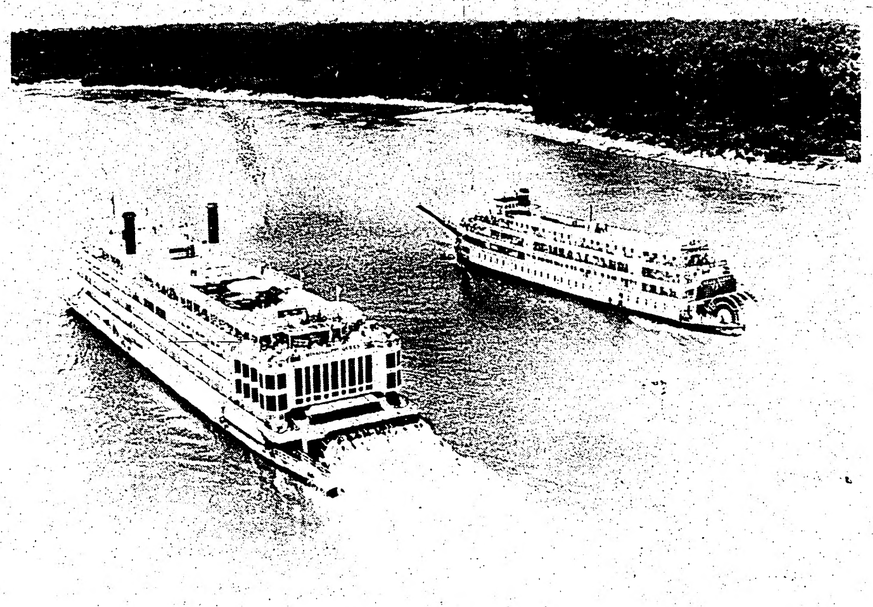
By JAMES MONTAGNES

NEW ORLEANS, La. — You can travel the Mississippi River this winter, but not in the style of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn and his friends. The modern $25,000,000 Mississippi Queen and its older sister ship the Delta Queen will make frequent 3- and 4-day cruises from New Orleans during the winter months.

The two riverboats cruise the busy Mississippi during the day, tying up to the shore at night. Stops are made at old plantation homes and at Louisiana towns as Natchez, St. Francisville and Baton Rouge, the state capital.

The Mississippi Queen is the biggest riverboat ever built. It began service five years ago. She is 379 feet (117 metres) long and can carry up to 500 passengers with a crew of 125. There are two bars at the stern with 2-deck high windows overlooking the huge red paddlewheels at the rear of the ship which drive her smoothly along the muddy, twisting river. There are other bars elsewhere on the ship, luxury lounges and dining room on the observation deck.

She is the first passenger riverboat built in over half a century. The new ship has all the comforts of the most elegant ocean liner, with the advantage that you never need fear seasickness or high waves. She is air-conditioned throughout, has a small swimming pool, an open sundeck and the latest electronic aids to navigation.



The Mississippi Queen [left] and the Delta Queen cruise the lower Mississippi River in winter.

There are beautiful staircases between decks and elevators for those who don't want to walk the stairs between the five decks. The dining room tries to bring back the old south with numerous creole and plantation dishes. Cabins have comfortable beds or bunks, have their own bathroom facilities, and there are a few luxury staterooms.

Prices range from US$255 up, depending on cabin and length of cruise.

No riverboat would be complete without a calliope, and on the Mississippi Queen there is a 44-note calliope, claimed to be the biggest ever built. Like this travel reporter, you too can try your hand at playing it. The calliope can also be played from an electronic tape. Its music can be heard for miles.

The Delta Queen was built in 1926, has been fully restored and as the last of the great riverboats of the United States, is now an historic institution. Just over a decade ago she was almost sent to the scrapyard, but now meets all U.S. ship safety regulations and is used regularly on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

The first evening out on the cruise on the Mississippi Queen the ship docked some miles upstream from New Orleans and tied up at a wharf. The reason, we learned next morning, was because some driftwood had caught in the 35 by 25 foot paddlewheel and had to be extricated.

Then as we slowly passed under towering high tension lines and highway bridges, past built-up dikes called levees, and warning signs of underwater pipelines, another unscheduled stop was announced over the loudspeaker system. It was a beautiful day and there would be time to visit one of the old plantation homes along the river.

The ship edged close to shore. The long gangplank at the front of the riverboat, called a stage because in old times it was a stage for riverboat entertainers, was lowered on the rocky shore. The deckhands jumped ashore with long, heavy hawsers to tie the ship to some trees. The stage was lowered and everyone was invited ashore.

We climbed the steep slope of the levee, the dike which keeps the river from the land in the spring. As in the days of old we walked along the top of the levee for about a quarter mile, then down on the other side to the old plantation home. Guides in crinolines met us for a tour of the home — Houmas House — which was built long before the Civil War of the 1860s. The colonaded home is set in a huge parkland with tall 200- and 300-year-old live oak trees. Nearby are small 19th century guest houses.

As we continued up the river, past cargo traffic barges pushed by tugs, through a green landscape punctuated here and there by small communities and the tall chimneys of modern oil refineries and petro-chemical plants, we stopped at other old homes.

The area teems with mementoes of early French occupation. There are tours of cities like Vicksburg, Natchez and St. Francisville. In Baton Rouge we toured the high-rise legislature building near which was a statue of its builder, Governor Huey Long, who presided over the state in the late 1920s.

Dixieland music is featured on both ships by New Orleans jazz bands. There is an old-time card-sharp type entertainer on the Mississippi Queen who will keep you busy with his fast handwork in the old shell game and with card tricks. And as on other cruise ships, there is plenty of group entertainment as well as dancing in the evenings.

Tiberias hot springs attracts visitors looking to cure various ailments

By CARL ALPERT

TIBERIAS, Israel — The black basalt rocks scattered all about give ample evidence of a volcanic history here in the Tiberias area. That there is still plenty of fire and life deep down in the earth is indicated by the gaseous hot waters which come bubbling up at numerous springs from a depth of two kilometres down. The water emerges at a heat of 60 degrees C (about 140 degrees Fahrenheit).

For centuries and reaching far back into the times of antiquity, the Tiberias hot springs have drawn visitors seeking cures to their ailments, and a rich tradition has been built up in the area. About 50 years ago a slow-paced modernization of the facilities began, but only in the past few years have the springs begun to emerge as a major attraction. The reason: energetic private enterprise.

The THS operate in two separate bathing complexes: the health baths, where medical attention and special treatments are provided, and more recently, the Young Tiberias bathing complex, a large pool, part indoors and part out, where the potent but partially diluted waters are open to all without medical certificate.

The health baths are under medical supervision. The water, which would be too hot for endurance, is tempered down to 45 degrees C (about 113 F), and then to 38 C (about 100 F), for the baths. Obviously one can not remain in the water very long.

Detailed chemical analyses list all the salts and minerals which are to be found here, but one scientist summed it up by describing it as "fluorinated, brominated, borated water." The vapors which rise from the baths and pools are strongly sulphurous in odor. Radioactivity in the water was subject of a doctorate thesis at the Technion almost 30 years ago.

The supply is endless. What emerges from the depths, without any encouragement, is much more than can be used, and the surplus is simply diverted into the waste water channel and carried off to the Jordan River, below the Sea of Galilee.

There is no attempt to compete with Lourdes, but the fact is that "miracle" cures have been achieved. After supervised treatments of from one to three weeks, patients have been known to throw away their crutches.

Considering that some 300 million people in the Western world, and 50 million in the United States, suffer from one form or another of the rheumatic or arthritic diseases which respond to the salt and sulphur springs, it is obvious that there is an enormous potential here.

Spas and health baths are commonplace in Germany, Switzerland, Romania and elsewhere in Europe, but still new and strange to North Americans.

In the old original domed building, known as Solomon's Bath, is a small marble lion, a Roman relic, which has for centuries attracted barren women. A dip in the hot pool, and a short period sitting astride the lion has brought fertility to countless women, tradition says.

The water is unsuitable for drinking, but a special faucet is provided for those who insist on taking a gulp. Above is a quotation from the Rambam citing the water's laxative qualities.

It is no longer a secret that among the Arab tourists who cross the river each year as part of the Open Bridges policy, are many from various parts of the Arab world, who come to the baths for treatment of what ails them.

Not every tourist, on a short visit, has the time to take the treatments, but the recently opened Young Tiberias pool affords the unusual pleasure of a dip in warm water, 32 C (90 F). It is 75% mineral water, and 25% pure lake water, but the odor and taste and feeling are distinctive.

One need not be too critical about the medical value of the languid swim or relaxation in these waters. At least one goes away refreshed, at once rested and invigorated, and with the feeling that one has had a healthy experience. And it's the personal feeling that counts after all, isn't it?

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Joanna Thompson [right] applies makeup to Alison Cuthbert during a Toronto Studio Players workshop.

New theatre company for 7- to 12-year-olds to start second term

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

The Toronto Studio Players, a new repertoire theatre company of children which was formed this fall, is located on the second floor of what was once an armaments building erected in the 1930s, close to King and River St.

Children from the ages of 7 to 12 come to the classes in the large open studio twice a week — for two hours on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and for four hours on Sunday, said Lucy Hutchins, one of the staff directors of the company.

Hutchins, 28, has been performing since she was 7 and recently worked as producer and administrator on the show "Tamara," in Toronto. She has directed and choreographed numerous children's theatre productions.

The other staff director is Hersh Jacob, 30, who studied with the Winnipeg Theatre School as a performer and has worked for the past 10 years as a freelance cartoonist. He has also taught theatre arts to children.

During the week, the students take part for an hour in workshops such as set building and scene painting; sound, lights and special effects; makeup and wardrobe; or house and stage management, administration and publicity. Then there's acting for the other hour, said Jacob.

He said he is working towards a production for the end of December but the process is a "development . . . The children are given skills on the weekday and then use them on the weekend towards an end result."

The first show by the students is called "Professor Quaker — The Rainbow Maker" and is about an inventor who lives in a small, boring town and keeps messing things up with his inventions. It will be shown at the Ralph Thornton Centre, 765 Queen St. E. on Dec. 28, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and a special matinee at 4 p.m. on Dec. 30. For reservations call 461-6311, from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children from the ages of 7 to 12 were chosen for the company because Hutchins and Jacob have found through experience that this is the age group they like best to work with and there are few facilities in Toronto to handle these youngsters.

Jacob said the children are taught the same techniques of production and acting as adults, but the terms are simplified. "Kids have the ability . . . they just don't have the comprehension."

Hutchins said the goal for the repertoire company, after the participants have completed three terms (10 months), will be to have experienced people in every facet of the theatre.

Jacob and Hutchins have plenty of ideas for the Toronto Studio Players. One plan is to go "out on the road" (which means traveling to various locations in Toronto) to give the youngsters an idea of "what it is like to move around."

Another idea is to arrange a tour of seniors' homes next year.

Registration for the second term begins on Jan. 4, 1982. For more information about the Toronto Studio Players, phone 368-3019.

Voices pessimism about human nature in stimulating 33-piece historical book

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Practicing History
By Barbara W. Tuchman
Random House of Canada, $21.50

A great number of readers admire Barbara Tuchman's kind of history. Over the years they have made best-sellers of such books as "The Guns of August," (1962) "The Proud Tower," (1966) "Sitwell and the American Experience in China," (1971) and "A Distant Mirror" (1979). The Guns of August and Sitwell and the American Experience in China were awarded the coveted Pulitzer Prize for history.

Even those who usually find history boring and complicated were dazzled by A Distant Mirror, a long, colorful depiction of Europe in the 14th century "when the whole world seemed to be spinning to its doom, and yet when our modern world was being born."

The author believes that the successful historian must be a storyteller and that chronological narrative is "the spine and bloodstream that brings history close to how it really was."

The great temptation or pitfall of the historian is to make the events of the past conform to a preconceived theory or point of view. The facts must not be twisted, warped or tortured. They must be allowed to speak for themselves. She castigates the pedantic historian who relinquishes the gift of communication in a torrent of facts, many of which are unnecessary and inconsequential. Good writing is paramount. The historian must achieve skills that make for coherence and lucidity.

All of this explains why her work is so readable, but one must wonder about her assurance of objectivity. After all, what one chooses to write about — not to speak of inevitable omissions, points of emphasis, paucity or amplitude of background material, etc., — is already a form of interpretation.

This stimulating work contains 33 diverse pieces (essays, book reviews, editorials and addresses) fashioned over a period of 35 years, most of them, however, from the last two decades.

The majority are a delight to read — informative, outspoken, well-written. They include her social, political and economic views and something of her family background. They deal with the task and craft of the historian, and her reaction to such contemporary events as Vietnam and Watergate.

There is much here to interest the Jewish reader. The author reveals how her grandfather, Henry Morgenthau Sr., Woodrow Wilson's ambassador to Turkey, raised money in 1914 for the Jewish community in Palestine for humanitarian reasons, despite his antagonism to Zionsim. He was an assimilationist whose Americanism was both a proud banner and disquieting obsession. Yet, "In his 80s, in the shadow of the Holocaust, he privately acknowledged that he had read history wrong."

Two essays on Israel, written just before and after the Six Day War, are remarkably evocative of the tensions and exaltation of the period. One of them begins, "A people considered for centuries non-fighters carried out in June against long odds the most nearly perfect military operation in modern history."

In discussing the attempt on the part of the Nazis to exterminate Jews she laments: "What is no less significant is that the other nations . . . watched, let it happen, offered no extra asylum or rescue, and generally avoided interfering to a point that suggests they would not have been unhappy to see the final solution succeed."

She is not optimistic about human nature. "Anti-semitism is very old, very convenient, latent in states as well as people, and evidently impossible to exorcise. I suspect the Jews will survive if only because the world needs them as the scapegoat of guilt of one kind or another. If they disappeared, the world would feel obliged to re-invent them."

There are penetrating essays on Mao Tse-Tung, "How America Entered World War I," and "Why Policy Makers Do Not Listen." There is an optimistic address on "Mankind's Better Moments" and a helpful examination of "Historical Clues to Present Discontents."

She believes that President Nixon should have been impeached, that the power and obligations of the American presidency should be shared and that there should be more college-educated soldiers if future Vietnams are to be prevented.

Some of the material is dated and a few of the shorter pieces are of limited interest. But there is enough here to stimulate, beguile, agitate and inform any reader. What more can a book do?

The way Beethoven would have liked it

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Beethoven would have jumped for joy if he had heard Robert Silverman's recent exquisite performance of his Piano Concerto #4 in G Major at Massey Hall. This gracious, lyrically sensitive yet sparklingly exuberant interpretation is probably closest to the composer's original vision when he wrote this famous work.

The Montreal-born Silverman, who now resides in Vancouver, has reached the pinnacle of artistic maturity which is shared with other world-famous interpretative artists. True, his technique is flawless. But technique is no longer his main concern. The main effect of his style is that of an empathetic humanism conveyed via a delicately sparkling touch.

All of the tiniest nuances, in terms of phrasing, were brought out so that every second of the concerto, no matter how often one heard it before, radiated with fresh excitement. Little wonder that when he reached the most familiar theme, in the finale, the impact was one of sheer exhilaration.

When it was all over, cries of bravo, usually reserved for the likes of Isaac Stern, brought Robert Silverman out on stage four times. He richly deserves such ovations. He is truly one of the world's greatest living pianists.

Silverman and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra performed under the baton of one of the Soviet Union's recent musical emigrants — Estonian-born Neeme Jarvi, who, after leaving the USSR just one year ago, has guest-conducted all of the world's major orchestras while currently holding posts in Birmingham and Goeteborg, Sweden.

He conducts with an air of panoramic command as demonstrated by his leadership of Alexander Glazunov's grandiose but thematically ordinary Fifth Symphony. But his excellent interpretation of the concert's opener, Handel's Tenth Concerto in D Minor, demonstrated his stylistic versatility through his authentic feeling for light-touch baroque phrasing (even though this piece calls for a smaller ensemble than was present) which was especially lilting during the last two movements.

Jarvi conducted the brief but stately Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten, composed by a fellow Estonian emigre, Arvo Part, who was in the audience.

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RECORD REVIEWS: Jazz albums by Toronto Jewish musicians Bernie Senesky and David Bendeth deserve attention.

Bernie Senensky, one of Canada's foremost jazz pianists (and husband of singer Ahuva Shai) has just released an all-original-composition album entitled Free Spirit (Phonodisc). The best two selections, the title track plus the first on side 2 entitled Homeland, combine Senesky's innovative themes with the exciting Afro-syncopation of Chick Corea's ace percussionist Don Alias. Of the two slow selections, No More Tears is pleasantly mellow yet stimulating, while the solo Adam is dedicated to Bernie's second son, now aged 15 months.

While Free Spirit is primarily for listening, both albums by guitarist David Bendeth are fine for dancing. Like Senensky, he is ably backed by top studio musicians on both sides of the border. And while he might not have Senensky's basic-thematic innovation, his own performance as well as that of his instrumentalists is solid, tight and truly representative of the best contemporary street-dance music of today. Feel the Real on his first album Adrenalia (RCA-Epic) sums up his style.

Yemenite chants

JERUSALEM —

Dr. Uri Sharvit, of the department of musicology at Bar-Ilan University, in co-operation with the ministry of education and culture, has published "A Treasury of Jewish Yemenite Chants" containing 100 chants from the rich heritage of Yemenite music. The book gives a picture of a settled Jewish tradition as reflected musically.

The choice, presentation and evaluation was done by Dr. Sharvit from the recordings by the late Yehiel Adaqi, one of the main sources of Yemenite songs. He inspired the book and also wrote explanations.

Sharvit has been engaged for many years in extensive research of the music of Jewish ethnic groups, and of the Yemenite community in particular.

The book contains an extensive introduction by Sharvit with explanations regarding the construction and performance of Yemenite traditional music in general. The book of 340 pages is richly illustrated with photographs of Yemenite Jewish life, many of them from rare manuscripts published for the first time.

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The Shaw Festival is offering a 20% reduction on ticket prices for performances in May, June and September, (except opening nights and special matinees) provided tickets are ordered before Jan. 31.

There are nine different plays at the Shaw Festival next season, which runs from May 5 to Sept. 26. They are: Pygmalion, Too True to be Good, and The Music Cure, by Bernard Shaw; See How They Run, by Philip King; Camille by Robert David MacDonald; Cyrano de Bergerac, by Edmond Rostand; The Desert Song, by Otto Harbach; The Singular Life of Albert Nobbs, by Simone Benmussa based on the short story by George Moore; and A Celebration of Dance, a Shaw Festival dance presentation.

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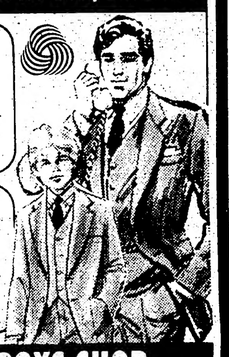

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To play it or not to play it?

Some different views on Wagner music in Israel

music

By RICK KARDONNE

A few weeks ago I expressed the view that the music of Richard Wagner should not be played in Israel and I wasn't very happy with the idea that Zubin Mehta wanted the Israel Philharmonic to play Wagner.

That column has brought several letters and I want to quote a few of them here.

From Montreal, Cantor David Bagley, formerly of Toronto's Beth Sholom and now of Montreal's Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob, writes in general agreement with my point of view and adds a very important point of his own:

"Jews throughout the world and, more particularly, Israel were upset at the decision of Zubin Mehta to introduce the music of Wagner in the repertoire of the Israel Philharmonic. Jews have every right to be upset because Wagner was an outspoken anti-semite whose hatred for the Jews was no secret. Wagner made his opinion very clear that the world would be a better place to live in if only Jews were not part of it."

After mentioning Hitler's emulation of Wagner and forcing Jews to play and listen to Wagner in the death camps, Cantor Bagley then says: "How ironic that synagogues throughout the world, and, more particularly, Montreal continue to perpetuate the music of the anti-semite Wagner by insisting that the orchestra or organist at weddings play the familiar tune 'Here Comes the Bride' as the bride marches in, claiming that the music is 'traditional.'

"To my knowledge the Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob, where I am chazzan, is the only synagogue in Montreal that has cleaned house and introduced a different melody in place of Here comes the Bride. I wonder how many rabbis and chazzanim will, as a result of this letter, introduce into the wedding ceremonies Jewish music and rid our sacred ceremony of such a tumah (abomination)."

An opposing viewpoint is presented by Philip Wults of Toronto, who writes:

"As a Canadian, a Jew and an 'expert' on Richard Wagner, I feel compelled to reply to Rick Kardonne's uninformed tirade against Wagner.

"Although he was an anti-semite, Wagner was also one of the 19th century's great geniuses. As a musician, he was so original that he was revered even by so great a contemporary as Verdi, as well as by many great Jewish composers and conductors (e.g. Hermann Levi, Gustav Mahler, Arnold Schoenberg, Bruno Walter, Otto Klemperer). His influence on the music of our century is beyond comparison. As a dramatist, his achievements and ideas exercise, to this day, an unparalleled force in the theatre.

"Mr. Kardonne accuses Wagner of drumming up Jew-hatred expressed via his operas and writings. However, there is not a single instance of anti-semitism in Wagner's music dramas. Kardonne might like to contrast this fact with the quite definitely anti-semitic depiction of Jews in "Salome," by Richard Strauss, whose anti-semitism Mr. Kardonne is willing to dismiss as 'careerist opportunism during the rise of Hitler.'

"In fact, Strauss was director of the music section of the Nazi ministry of culture at the time it summarily fired thousands of Jewish musicians, including Schoenberg and Klemperer.

"Wagner died in 1883, a half-century before the Nazis came to power; Strauss put himself at the Nazis' service in 1933. Is Wagner responsible for the selective ethical blindness of 'careerists' like Strauss? Could the Holocaust have happened without such careerists? Wagner, who spent his life fighting careerism, would have opposed the Nazis had he lived under their regime."

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In response to the first paragraph raised about Wagner's alleged genius, I would refer Mr. Wults to Robert Wistrich's recent article in The Jerusalem Post, which states that "one cannot neutralize the subtle poison in Wagner's work by pretending that the music has no connection with the personality, the ideology and the purposes of its author."

In reply to his statement that Wagner's operas lack anti-semitism, one only has to turn to "Die Meistersinger" to see implicit Jew-hatred on a secular basis and "Parsifal" to see likewise on a religious basis.

All of his operas glorified the German Aryan ideal of the blond Siegfired superman who triumphs over the alien dark sub-humans, who were immediately understood to be the Jews. This statement is supported by extensive research undertaken by such scholars as Hans Kohn, William Shirer, Hannah Arendt and George L. Mosse, whose volumes all amply document Wagner's anti-semitic writings.

To say that Wagner was not anti-semitic because he was, according to Mr. Wults, pro-Socialist, is erroneous. After all, the Nazis were National Socialists. And, according to the George Mosse books that studied the ideological rise of proto-Nazi movements in 19th century Germany, anti-semitism was part and parcel of folk-populist mass movements that revolted against the bourgeois ruling establishments.

Wagner's writings glorified this line of thought. There is no historical evidence, according to these scholars, to support Mr. Wults' assertion that Wagner would have opposed the Nazis. Quite the contrary!

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From Peterborough, Ont., comes a letter, written by Mrs. Sophie Rogers, a retired pianist-cellist who performed with the Peterborough Symphony. In agreement with my article, she writes:

"I have followed this controversey as a CJN reader and empathize wholeheartedly with the survivors. That they have survived is miracle enough, and who but they know their sleepless nights that do not let them rest.

"No, Zubin Mehta, you cannot feel what we feel. So the Israelites will be missing out on this corner of their music education. But from the loins of these Israelites have come Daniel Barenboim and Yitzhak Perlman. Let them listen to records in the privacy of their homes.

"Let us hope that, in peaceful times, many years hence, the time will be ripe and psychologically we will begin to understand that the Jews themselves didn't believe that such monstrosities would befall them, and ask why didn't we do something.

"That will take time, a time when the whole world community will bring the madness in human beings to air, and raise our voices together in NEVER AGAIN.

"We must hope."

Gord Marci's photographic works on display at the McDowell Gallery starting Jan. 5

Jerry Ginsberg, with Gord Marci photographs

By BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

On Jan. 5, at the McDowell Gallery on Yonge St., there will be a retrospective of Gord Marci's photographic genius.

Gord's pictures, a fine collection of black-and-white studies, will be there. And there'll be the customary wine and cheese refreshments to sip and nibble while reflecting on the talent of the man.

And a number of Marci fans will surely be there, as well as newcomers to his work.

But you won't get to meet the artist.

Gord Marci won't be there.

He died on April 21.

Jerry Ginsberg, a senior art director at Foster Advertising, knew Gord Marci as did few others.

Over the years they teamed professionally on various Foster client-projects — Ginsberg would use only Marci's eye and camera, if available — and they spent endless after-work hours together.

And then, Marci was suddenly gone. Dead of a heart attack at 52.

The photographer's passing left a void in Jerry Ginsberg's life. It also left Ginsberg committed to achieving for his friend something that Marci had never personally sought: public appreciation.

Says Ginsberg: "Sure, people in the industry knew Gord's work. You couldn't not know it, because he was a real heavyweight — maybe the best of his breed in Canada. But the public never knew him . . ."

Ginsberg hopes to change all that through the McDowell retrospective which he's financed almost entirely himself — and through a book of Marci's photographic studies, which he's putting together for 1982 publication.

The projects have been exhaustive labors of love for Ginsberg, who found in Marci an almost surrogate parent. "It's true," he nods. "Gord was like a father to me. I can't replace him as a person or an artist, but he deserves to be remembered. I'd like to help make it happen . . ."

Of the many stories Ginsberg recounts about his relationship with Marci, one is particularly poignant.

In 1977, Ginsberg was asked to supervise a cover design for a project of United Jewish Appeal. Its theme involved the rise of neo-Nazism.

Ginsberg and Marci spent time thinking out the tone of the work. Both agreed: the cover's impact must be totally visual . . . no words.

It was Ginsberg who hit upon the object to convey the message, and Gord Marci who would ultimately photograph a truly memorable cover — that of a yahrzeit glass standing out from a stark black background, the imprint of a swastika stamped on the glass.

It was a moving, eloquent work, but Ginsberg's most vivid recollections of the project are of the time spent beforehand with Marci, first as they drove out on Bathurst St. to purchase the glass, and then as they wandered through stores along the corridor in an aimless odyssey, Ginsberg all the while explaining to Marci the yahrzeit tradition of honoring not only decreased loved ones but the dead of an entire people. Especially the six million . . .

"Gord was stunned," Ginsberg recalls. "The beauty of the symbolism . . . and the terrible truth of it . . . was just too much for him. I'll always remember him for that . . ."

The Marci exhibition will run Jan. 5-10 at the McDowell Gallery, 2600 Yonge St.

She captures past and present

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

St. Catharines artist Chip Feldman grew up in a remarkable household on Toronto's Brunswick Ave. during the 30s and 40s. The front door of the large red brick home with the wraparound verandah was never locked.

Chip's father, Moishe Grafstein, who operated a silk store at College and Spadina, brought home a constant stream of customers, friends, relatives, and assorted strays, to be fed by his wife, Goldie, in her oversized kitchen with the enormous black stove.

There were eight daughters and one son in the Grafstein family, and Moishe was proud of his all-girl orchestra, coached by a live-in teacher who was down on his luck.

In that house was a golden harp, a grand piano draped with a Spanish shawl, a set of drums, a xylophone and numerous other musical instruments.

It is not surprising that Chip's paintings, on exhibit at the McDowell Gallery, 2600 Yonge St., until Jan. 5, are brimful of music, children, and bright color. A collection of acrylics on board, they are naive yet meticulously detailed, skilfully melding past and present.

"Bakery Delight," reminiscent of the warm, yeasty Baldwin St. and Kensington Ave. stores, is overflowing with mothers and children, and, says the artist, "every kind of cake and pastry I ever knew . . . because I'm a nosher."

"Jetliner," focusing on a red and gray wagon with youngsters pulling it, riding in it, pushing it, brings back a world we all want to remember.

And there is the whimsical, "Seventy-four Wet Galoshes," in which several brightly clad children holding umbrellas, appear to bob about in Mary Poppins-like suspension against a dark sky.

In the Toronto years, Moishe Grafstein hosted symphony musicians, entertainers, writers-to-be. When Chip married Jack Feldman and moved to St. Catharines, the early exposure developed into a cultural awareness for the couple and their four children.

At concerts, Chip often sketched the performers. "Legatissimo," a painting of an entire symphony orchestra accompanying a red-gowned diva, done on a collage of old sheet music, is a statement of her feeling for the arts.

Feldman's work is naive. It is not simplistic. As a young student, she attended classes at the Ontario College of Art, studying later at Central Technical School in Toronto, St. Catharines' Rodman Hall, and the Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo.

She paints in oils, acrylics, and watercolors, often using collage, as well. Her oil painting, "Light in the Window," was selected to travel across the country with the Canadian Council of Women's centennial art exhibit.

The naivete lies in a clear, evocative style, and in a rare ability to diffuse happiness.

Chippie Grafstein, the sunny child of yesterday, is very much evident in the paintings of Chip Feldman, today.

"Bakery Delight," acrylic on board, by St. Catharines artist Chip Feldman, almost exudes the aroma of a favorite neighborhood bakery.

HOLOCAUST ART

This illustration is from a recently published book "Art of the Holocaust" [Rutledge Press, New York]. It depicts the artistic accomplishments and the spiritual triumphs they represent of those who perished in the ghettos and death camps. The artwork was collated by Janet Blatter, curator of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, and Sybil Milton. Book is regarded as a definitive statement on the art of the Holocaust, covering the period 1933-1945.

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Yonge and Steeles, basement 2 unfurnished rooms, in private home. 222-6855. 24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tall's Wool Shop, 3523 Bathurst St., south of Wilson Ave. We carry Israeli, religious and European needlepoints. Knitting and tapestry wool. Table cloths and challah covers for embroidery. Picture framing. For month of Dec. special on needlepoints and wool. 782-1251. Open Sundays. 24

We buy your Israel Bonds! Highest prices paid! Woburn Securities, 3181 Bathurst St., Toronto, (416) 787-4787. 24

Goldhaber Jewellery would like to announce that we are moving to our new location **633 A Bloor St. W. near Bathurst, Telephone 532-7208.** Come see for yourself Jewellery made by hand, by a European Master. Call for appointments please and we will be glad to greet you and be at your service. 24

New shipment from China just arrived, the finest quality screens and furnishings to add a touch of drama to your home. Vivian Kaplan Interiors. 445-6598. 24

The Meeting Place
788 Marlee Ave.
Holiday events for the next 2 weeks; Saturday, Dec. 26th, 8:30 p.m.: Chanukah party-dance for the 20s to 30s with special Chanukah delicacies, games, music, prizes. Come and enjoy! Admission $4.00. Sunday, Dec. 27th, 10 a.m. - Karate class. 1 p.m. Public forum open to the community; Eliasz Rubinowicz will discuss "Soviet update", admission free. Thursday, Dec. 31st from 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Gala New Year's Eve dance for the 20s to 30s. Buffet supper, party favors, prizes. Come and celebrate in good company! Admission $10.00. Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 10 a.m. - Karate class. 1 p.m. Open forum, everyone's welcome to participate in discussing "Jewish Identity; Apathy or Awareness". Admission free. The Meeting Place is sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council as a service to the community. For information phone 781-3571. 24

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce the engagement of Linda, the daughter of Mrs. Betty and the late Mr. Saul Orenstein, to Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elek Klemensberg of Montreal. The wedding will take place Sept. 5th/82. 24

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Bathurst-Eglinton
Luxurious 1 bdrm. available Jan. 1, adult bldg., den, balcony, pool & sauna, C/A, door attendants. 444-9125. 10

Bathurst-Sheppard, modern furnished 1 bdrm. apt. in small adult bldg., balcony. $450 incl. parking, linen, dishes. Avail. now & Jan. 1. 783-6887. 17

Female to share 2 bedroom furnished apt., Bathurst-Steeles, $153 per month. 663-9055 or 630-9440 evenings. 24

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Contents of House. Moving to Israel; Piano, furniture, appliances, books, etc. 787-6701. 24

Rugs. Indian & Indo-Persian. Hand made, excellent quality at importer's lowest prices. 277-3844. 26

CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

Sublet, Bathurst-Finch, 2 bedrooms, for 3 months, from Jan. to end of March. Call 665-6814. 24

Forest Hills, Bathurst north of Finch. 2 bedrooms, in a superb adult building, 26th floor, enclosed Florida room, air conditioned; Shabbat elevator, rec. facilities. $650 monthly rental. 636-5449, or 225-4278. 24

CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

LIL RUSH

Bathurst-Wilson
Magnificent 3 bdrm. 2 baths, large kitchen, laundry rm., appls., 2 balconies, central air. Ida Ackerman 636-5200.

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Bathurst-Steeles
Luxury 2 bdrm., 2 baths, Florida rm., balcony. Good financing. Fritz Reingold 636-5200.

Lil Rush R. E. Ltd., Realtor

Santee Realty Inc.

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A few prime suites now available for resale. 1,300-2,200 sq. ft., priced from $125,900. Excellent 10¾% mtge. Lots of extras. Call now your Skymark specialist, Santee or Margaret, 441-2003.

240 Heath St. W. Just reduced, private, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 10 foot ceilings, interior designed, 1,700 square feet, $275,000. 481-2646, or 481-5933. 15

FLORIDA ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

Hotel Franklin, 860 Collins Ave., corner of 9th St., low rates for season or monthly. Entertainment, rooms fully equipped; kitchens, bathrooms. Call collect Miami Beach 1-305-531-5541 or 636-6939. 24

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

North Miami Beach
Adult luxury furnished 1 bedroom 2 bath, waterfront dock, pool. $900 U.S. monthly. Jan 10th, March and April. 1-549-5822. 24

Hallandale, Imperial Towers, 1 bedroom furnished, ocean view, to rent for season. Option to buy. 222-7677, 5-9 p.m. 24

North Miami Beach, off Collins at 181st. Drive, beautifully furnished 2 bedroom, minutes from ocean, suit very responsible adults. Preferably 3 months minimum. 494-5082, 667-9583. 14

Hollywood, furnished 2 bedroom convertible plus 2 baths. Available Jan., Feb. and March. Phone 7:30 a.m. or 11:00 p.m. (305) 431-2453. 7

Pompano. New 2 bedrooms, furnished, colour T.V., from Jan. 881-6965. 24

Luxury 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, beautifully furnished, Collins and 163rd St., opposite Newport Hotel and ocean, pool, tennis. $65.00 U.S. daily for December, January and March. Minimum one month. 252-8089, 636-1551 Kay. 24

Lovely 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, den, beautifully furnished, Collins and 172nd St., ½ block to ocean and Rascal House, pool. $45.00 U.S. daily December, January, February and March. Minimum one month. 252-8089, 636-1551 Kay. 24

Classified Ads

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

North Miami Beach, water front, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, pool. December thru April. $1,200 monthly or $5,000 for 5 months. Call 622-6662, 239-5581. 24

Palm Aire, luxury 2 bedroom furnished. Available March and April. Reasonable. Adults only. Call owner days 261-6422, evenings 665-3721. 7

Century Village, Deerfield Beach, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, luxury, main floor, close to clubhouse and pool. Unfurnished but will furnish for yearly tenant. Reasonable. Available Jan. 15th. Call 633-2964, between 12 noon-5 p.m. 7

North Miami Beach, Oceanfront, Studio Apts. Fully furnished. Color T.V. Landscaped gardens, pool, shuffleboard, barbecue grills, laundry room. Free lounge chairs. Walk to restaurants, directly on bus line. Reserve now for month or season. Write to: Guidance Realty Inc., 19051 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Florida, 33160 or (305) 932-1900. 24

Brand new, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, terrace and carport, at Woodhaven East in Boca Raton. Available for minimum 3 months rental from Jan. 3rd-April 3rd, 1982. $5,400 U.S. Contact Mr. Silverstein (716) 853-5100. 24

Aventura area, North Miami on intercoastal, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Available March and April. Call 431-2262, or 449-3965. 14

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

Hallandale
On the ocean, Parker Dorado. 1 bedroom $108,000, 1 bedroom convertible $135,000. (416) 633-8828 or call collect Casino Realty, Florida. Fred (305) 458-0500. 17

Hallandale
Parker towers on the ocean, 2 bedrooms. $129,000. (416) 630-5692, or call collect Casino Realty, Florida. Fred (305) 458-0500. 24

Condo Specialist Inverrary. Magnificent condo and townhomes for sale or rent. Carole Raft, Realtor 305-748-7600, 4945 N. University Drive, Lauderhill, Fl. 33321.

Delray Beach, Florida, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, upgraded, across from clubhouse and pool. $69,900 U.S. (305) 278-1999. 24

3 Islands - Hallandale
Deluxe, large, 2 bedrooms plus den on intercoastal. Will sell below builder's price. Please call (305) 457-7119 or (416) 445-5795. 21

Sea Ranch of Boca Raton, luxury 2½ bedrooms, 3 baths, facing ocean and intercoastal waterway, private beach. Call 889-7588. 28

By owner, $67,900, Hollywood-exceptionally furnished corner 2 bedroom, 2 bath convertible in P.G.A. golf and tennis club complex. Free golf and tennis. Beautiful golf course and water view. Phone (305) 431-2777. 7

Hallandale, across from Beach. 1 bedroom, 1¼ baths, fully furnished. $69,900 U.S. Immediate occupancy. Call collect Vicky (305) 922-2788. 7

North Miami Beach off Collins at 181st Drive, beautifully furnished 2 bedrooms. Must sell. 494-5082, 667-9583. 14

Hallandale, on the ocean, Parker Plaza, luxury 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, convertible, approx. 2,300 square feet. $250,000. Owner (305) 458-7094. 7

Hillcrest, Hollywood, Sale or seasonal rental. 1 bedroom, 1½ baths on golf course south east exposure excellent view. (212) 339-6478 evenings or (305) 981-7398. 24

FLORIDA APARTMENT WANTED TO RENT

Century Village, 1 bedroom, 2 months Feb., March. Best references: (416) 522-6964. 24

FLORIDA PROPERTY FOR SALE

MIAMI, 68 ste. apt. bldg. Hornov Rltr. 683-5495. 7

DOMESTIC HELP AVAILABLE

A better choice of housekeepers, nannies, mother's helpers and companions. Each personally interviewed and references checked. 24
Home Helpers 596-0855

Mother's helpers, babysitters, nannies, from abroad - live-in. Best personal service with lowest rates. Exchange Program. 491-3717. 24

DOMESTIC HELP AVAILABLE

Domestic Available Now
Mothers helpers, nannies, babysitters, housekeepers, couples, companions for elderly, who are thoroughly interviewed and recommended by past employers: "Domestically" correct employees for your home from **Dinah Rayner Agency.** 24
922-6283

Personalized Nanny Service. We interview Mother's helpers in London, England and offer you the most responsible qualified girls available. We also have Philippino housekeepers from Hong Kong and Manilla. Call Jackie Novak, 822-5196 or Jo Perrin, 922-9445. 24

Experienced Housekeeper available Monday to Friday. Working arrangements negotiable. Call 967-6871, 9-5 p.m. 24

DOMESTIC HELP WANTED

Needed, babysitter, Bathurst-Patricia area, for days on a weekly basis. Call 226-9788. 24

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Calgary
Requires Hebrew and secular studies teachers and part-time administrators for 1982/1983, experience in pre-school and or primary grades and commitment to traditional Jewish values desirable. Good salaries. Send resume to: Eleanor Doctor, 58 Willow Park Green, S.E. Calgary, Alta. T2J 3L1. (403) 271-4246, or call Rabbi Peter Hayman (403) 238-3342. 24

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HOUSES FOR RENT

Bathurst-Steeles
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 5 appliances, central air conditioned townhouse, close to shopping, schools, synagogues. $800. 787-6086. No Shabbos calls. 17

***BATHURST-YORK DOWNS**
3 BEDROOM-2 STOREY
$900 mo. Spacious home. Close to TTC. Central air, attached garage. R. Simon 633-7777. ROSE HERSH LTD. REALTOR. 17

HOUSES FOR SALE

Bathurst Manor, Private Sale, corner lot, 3 bedroom bungalow, new roof, central air, save commission. 633-7989. No agents. 24

Bathurst and Steeles exquisite 4 bedroom home, pot lights and carpeted throughout, beautiful kidney shaped concrete pool and kitchen that is just magnificent. Must be seen! A steal at $239,000. Private 222-4989. 7

Bathurst-Glencairn
Boon docks are not for you wasting time commuting. Enjoy more leisure living in geographical heart of Metro if you build your dream home at 116 Hillmount Ave. Steps from Viewmount entrance to Glencairn subway station, 3 blocks west of Bathurst St. Quiet location — 50 x 136 ft. in a luxury loving Neighbourhood. Yours for $200,000. Possession amytime. G. Pukalo 783-1931. 7

Churchill near Bathurst, 4 bedrooms, brick, detached, self-contained basement apt., with separate entrance. Large lot. Excellent location. Newly decorated, all appliances. Excellent mortgage. Asking $164,900. Call 224-2293. 24

A. E. LePAGE
ONTARIO LTD. - REALTOR

DELORAINE & BATHURST
Totally redone - 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor den, new kitchen, fireplace in living room. Must sell! Bring me an offer. Asking $172,500. Fabulous 1st mortgage at 15% due 1984. Margarie Brasky 487-4311.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Royal Trust

STEELES-GLENSHIELDS $96,500
EXIST. MTGE. $56,000 AT 10-7/8% DUE 1985
2 storey 3 bdrms., 2 baths, large kitchen, walk-out to patio, good size living-dining, garage, fenced lot, transfer sale, A-1 buy, A. Seidman 635-1170.

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BLUE FOREST, LUXURY, A-1 BUY
VENDOR TAKE BACK LOW INT. MTGE.
Over 2,000 Sq. Ft., on 1 level, 6 large rooms, 3 bdrms., bath ensuite, large up-to-date kitchen, appliances, huge living-dining room, lower level, den family room, maids quarters, 2 car garage, near synagogues, schools, shopping, T.T.C., A. Seidman 635-1170.

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BATHURST-PATRICIA $139,000
Solid brick detached bungalow, 3 bdrms., good size living-dining, large kitchen, appliances, 2 baths, completely finished bsmt., central air, double dr., garage, near T.T.C., schools, shopping, synagogues, move-in condition, don't miss. D. Seidman 635-1170.

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BATHURST-STEELES-YONGE
EXIST. MTGE. $80,000 AT 12% DON'T MISS
Brick semi backsplit, 4 bdrms., separate living-dining, 3 baths, den, or family room, rec room, garage, central air, sauna, many extras, near everything. D. Seidman 635-1170.

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FAYWOOD-WILSON-SUBWAY
Custom built ranch bungalow, 3 bdrms., 2 kitchens, L-shaped living-dining, 2 baths, completely finished basement, appliances, dble, dr., garage, near everything. A. Seidman 635-1170.

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EARL BALES PARK
3 BDRM. BUNGALOW
$104,000. Excellent financing, large lot, close to T.T.C., shopping, synagogues, ideal for retired couple or first time buyer. M. Krybus 635-1170.

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BATHURST-STEELES $80,7000
EXCELLENT VALUE
3 bdrm., 2 storey townhouse in super condition. Courtyard setting, 5 appliances, main floor powder, finished rec room, 1st of $36,900 at 11% to 1984. P. Lynas 635-1170.

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BATHURST-LAWRENCE NEW LISTING
$139,500. Detached 3 bdrm. 2 storey with attached garage, large living-dining room, 2 baths, fenced garden, in-law apt. with separate entrance, close to all conveniences. P. Lynas 635-1170.

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BATHURST MANOR
$159,000. Excellent 3 bdrm. home with basement apt., super location, direct transportation to subway, near synagogues, shopping. 10¾% & 16% mtges. available. Anne Eidlitz 635-1170.

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BATHURST-STEELES
$161,900, better than new, 2 storey, 4 bdrm. home, superbly upgraded throughout, main floor family room & laundry room, premium lot, near park, 14-7/8% mtge. till 1984. A. Eidlitz 635-1170.

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GERRARD ST. NEAR JONES AVE. 2 STRY. 5 RM. T.H.
$59,900. Exceptional buy, living-dining room, new CANAC kit., new wiring, 2 bdrms., parking at rear of house, suit bachelor or young couple, make an offer. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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BATHURST-LAWRENCE IN A PRESTIGIOUS LOCATION
$174,900. 6 rooms & sun room bungalow, prime lot 50'x117', opportunity, totally updated homes & garden decor, panelled rec room, O.E.P., W/O, 2 new bathrooms, new eat-in kitchen, mature landscaping, 10% mtge. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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SHEPPARD-YONGE IN A COUNTRY SETTING. OPPOSITE RAVINE
$199,900. Rustic 2 storey, 5 bdrm. house, country kitchen, fabulous family room, O.F.P., 2 picture windows overlooking garden, mature landscaping, inviting living room & dining room, large work shop, play room. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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WYNFORD HEIGHTS CRESC.
RENTAL DON MILLS + EGLINTON
$795 a month. 2 bdrm. luxury condo. never lived in, 2 full baths, full recreation centre, 8th floor, magnificent view, 2 minutes to Don Valley expressway. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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260 HEATH ST. W. $210,000
VILLAGE TERRACES LUXURY
2 Bdrm. condo apt., breathtaking exposure, W/O from living room to magnificent exclusively private 1,200 Sq. Ft. terrace overlooking lush ravine, indiv. heat & air cond., mortgage $114,000 at 14½%, 5 year, M. Knaul 635-1170.

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260 HEATH ST. W. VILLAGE
TERRACED $175,000 REAL VALUE
Luxurious 2 bdrm. 2 storey condo. T.H., living-dining rm., lovely private courtyard overlooking lush ravine, indiv. heat & air cond. system, 3 baths, 5 appliances, laundry rm., private W/O to underground garage. S. Knaul 635-1170.

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SENECA HILL NEAR FINCH-LESLIE ONLY $189,900
Up to $135,000 mtge. at 14¾% for 2 years. 2-storey Tudor 4-bdrm. & fam. rm., w/out, fireplace, fin. rec., super!! Rita Griffith, 493-6250.

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YONGE & STEELES
$117,900. 2 bedroom bungalow. Everything updated. Excellent $60,000 mortgage at 12% due 1984. Call Arnie Ross 635-9945.

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BAYVIEW-EGLINTON
$89,900
2 bedroom townhome. Excellent financing. Low down payment. Needs some updating. Arnie Ross 635-9945.

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BAYVIEW-JOHN $239,900
Just listed! Fabulous 4 bedroom home, main floor family room, main floor laundry room, 3 baths, central air. 10% mortgage and much more. Sheldon Laiwint 635-9945.

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REALTOR

SUPER VALUE $139,900
SUPER HOUSE
Large updated bungalow in Manor with bsmt. apt. plus rec rm. & bar. Move-in condition. Vendor will hold large mtge. at low rate. Call Joe & Eva Goldfinger, 881-5940, res. 889-7450.

A. E. LePAGE
***$180,000**
Luxury model suite. Bathurst-Sheppard area. 3 bedroom plus den. Many extras included. Call Ilona Todd 236-1731.

Display advertising deadline for the January 7th, 1982 issue is Tuesday, December 29th at 2:00 p.m.

The office will be closed Friday, December 25th, Monday, December 28th and Friday, January 1st, 1982.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Harvey Kalles
(416) 441-2888 REALTOR

..UCCI • POOL • LOW RATE FINANCING $499,000
Premium Bayview/York Mills address — the ambience of a traditionally designed custom built home, sauna, intercom, every luxury to pamper your love of finer things. Elise Kalles 441-2888, 449-1873.

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SPECTACULAR CONDO — BAYVIEW/FINCH!
Overlook Muskoko type ravine. 3,400 sq. ft. of sensational living. 3 bdrms., sunken living room — third floor family rm. with fireplace, wet bar and w/o to deck. Call Hilary Cohen or ron Baker 441-2888.

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MUST BE SOLD — THORNHILL — 100x150' LOT
Buy this 4 bdrm. 2 storey with main floor den. Inground pool — well located in prime residential area. Call Hilary Cohen, Ron Baker.

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ATTENTION SPECULATORS — DEVELOPERS
Rosedale 3 storey, 190' deep lot, separate dining, main powder + magnificent family rooms, sauna, buy with $55,000 down. Asking $475,000. Nancee Helfert, 441-2888.

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ANNUAL INCOME OVER $50,000 — $599,000
Luxury property for city professionals on edge of Bloor-Avenue, over 30,000 low rate financing, if you are a "10" you will live in one suite, live richly from 3 other units. Nancee Helfert, 441-2888.

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HAZELTON LANES — LUXURY 2 STOREY APT.
$550,000. 3 bdrms., 2½ baths + sauna, den, separate dining rm, white eat-in kitchen, w/o's to balconies to view our beautiful city. So many extras! Leila Taylor 441-2888.

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ALEXANDRA WOOD-GLENCAIRN — UNBEATABLE
Understated elegance, choice location, every convenience in this lovely 5 + bdrm. home. A must-see. $495,000. F. Butchman, 441-2888.

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FOREST HILL CONDO $299,000 — 1ST AD!
Lower village comfort & prestige. Very unique, fabulous kitchen, stunning decor, 24 hr. concierge. M. Mandarish, 441-2888.

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55 SKYMARK DR. . . . TWO EXCELLENT CHOICES . . .
$169,000. 3 bdrm "Orion" plus sunroom. "6th floor." 10¾% mtge. $179,900 2 bdrm "Galaxy" plus fam. rm. 1750 sq. ft. "20th floor." Fabulous city view. Ethel Goldman 441-2888.

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SPARKLING CLEAN EXECUTIVE HOME $207,000
This 4 bedroom house full of treasures is not to be missed! Large main floor family room + fireplace and walkout as well. Excellent financing. Call today! Brenda Abramson 441-2888.

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PRESTIGIOUS HEARTHSTONE CRESCENT
$268,900
Gorgeous 4 bedroom custom built executive home. Extra large rooms and excellent flow. Combines to make this a perfect entertaining and family home. Elaine Chelin 441-2888.

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SUPER DUPLEX! CHAPLIN ESTATES!
$264,900 Conveniently situated, beautifully maintained building. Each unit has separate living room with fireplace, large dining room, eat-in kitchen, private drive, double garage. Renovated owner's suite. Elaine Chelin 441-2888.

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THE BRIDLE PATH NOW $850,000
Secluded contemporary bi-level home — Toronto's landmark to distinctive living — Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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Harvey Kalles REALTOR MLS 441-2888

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LTD. REALTOR

$50,000 OPEN MORTGAGE AT 13½%
PRICED TO SELL!
Bathurst-Lawrence Solid brick detached 6 rooms Eat-in modern kitchen, 2-4 piece baths. Pool sized lot. Central air and more. Walk to synagogues, all conveniences. Tremendous value!! Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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BATHURST-WILSON NEAR ALL AMENITIES
3 bedroom delightful bungalow. Walkout to cedar deck. Attached garage. Finished basement. Vendor has bought. Lily Stoll 789-7111 or 636-2550.

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5 BEDROOMS — EXCELLENT 13¼% MORTGAGE
Bathurst-Wilson. Very spacious custom built split on quiet crescent. Pool size lot. Main floor family room. Entertaining living and dining rooms with walkout to patio. 3 baths, central air, and more. Near everything. Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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BATHURST-WILSON — 4 BEDROOMS ON ONE LEVEL
$145,900. Very spacious 2 storey, ultra kitchen, living room with open fireplace. Professionally finished, basement, garage. Steps to everything. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111.

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BATHURST-HILLMOUNT
Most delightful well cared for bungalow. Full of charm. Modern kitchen. Finished basement. Steps to shopping, synagogues & all amenities. Mrs. Mosten 789-7111 or 782-0942.

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BATHURST-FORESTWOOD
Magnificent stonefront split. 3-4 bedrooms, ultra kitchen with walkout, party size living and dining room, large family room, rec room, central air and more. Mrs. Mosten 789-7111 or 782-0942.

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BATHURST-BAYCREST 11% MORTGAGE
6 room bungalow, income apartment, garage, steps to Bathurst. Mrs. Sher 789-7111 or 633-4223.

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BATHURST-SHEPPARD $248,900
Unique custom built backsplit. 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms on one level. 5th bedroom or den, main floor laundry, panelled family room, Florida Room, rec room has stone fireplace, 3 baths, 2 car garage. Mrs. Stoll 789-7111 or 636-2550.

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BATHURST-PATRICIA
$195,000 Beautiful 9 room backsplit + lovely self-contained bsmt. apt. Very spacious home on pool sized lot. Hollywood kitchen and family room have sliding door walkouts, 4 baths, attached dble. garage + central air and more. Walk to synagogues, bus & shops. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111 or 783-8640.

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BATHURST-LAWRENCE-WILSON — JUST REDUCED!
Lovely 2 bedroom bungalow. New large kitchen, 2 new bathrooms. Lily Stoll 789-7111 or 636-2550.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

On Yonge-Richmond Hill, office space, air conditioned, suitable for professionals or any others. Lots of parking. 223-5358, 766-9757. 24

PERSONAL

Are you a retired non-smoking gentleman, who still has Joie-de-Vivre? Lady with same qualities would like to meet you. Box 6095, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 24

PERSONAL

Private investigations and security services. Worldwide. Call Birnie Floyd, 766-3421 Civic Investigations. 24

A New Year's Resolution, 2 friends, ladies, hope to meet unattached compatible gentleman, 60-65, interested in theatre, dancing, bridge, etc. Phone number please. Write Ann, General Delivery, Station D, Willowdale, M2R 3G4. 24

PERSONAL

Confidential, discreet, private investigations. Reliable, 24 hour service. 224-1910. 24

Single Jewish professional business-people meet confidentially as individual persons. Call Dr. Fren 534-7310 or write Box 6045, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M4p 1P1. 24

I am looking for the sharpest, most beautiful girl in town. If you want to date me, please state your age, and a brief description of yourself and your phone number. Reply to Box #6043, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 24

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The Golan row

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Peres, on record as being against annexation, cast doubt on Begin's methods. "A decision of such great importance cannot, in a democratic regime, be taken in less than 24 hours."

The Prime Minister said he didn't want a long and drawn-out debate for fear of further isolating Israel. He admitted that he did not consult with the U.S. "... we decided not to ask since we had no doubt that our American friends would tell us 'no.'"

In his Dec. 14 address to the Knesset, Begin justified the imposition of Israeli law to the Golan for historic and security reasons. "... there can be, in our country or beyond its borders, no serious person ... who would attempt to deny that, for many generations, the Golan Heights were an integral part of the land of Israel," he explained.

Begin said the Syrians, when they held the Golan Heights, had used it to turn the lives of "tens of thousands of settlers into hell." In an allusion to Syria's policy toward the Jewish state, Begin asserted: "How often we called upon the Syrian rulers to open negotiations with us for a peace treaty."

Syria, he elaborated, "rejected our outstretched hand with the total denial of the right of our existence ... Can anyone really believe that we are going to wait for an unlimited period ... for a sign from the Syrians that they are prepared to talk with us about peace and good-neighborly relations?"

The U.S., while sympathetic to this argument, nevertheless holds that Israel has violated resolution 242, which rules out acquisition of territory by force and calls for negotiated frontiers.

In a position paper, Israel's foreign ministry contended that resolution 242 does not state that Israel must withdraw from all the territories which it conquered in the Six Day War, nor does it say to what line Israel must withdraw.

According to Begin, the Syrians "had removed the soul from 242" by refusing to recognize Israel.

There are reasons why Israel decided to act in the Golan Heights.

• Israel has never made a secret of it intentions to retain the Golan, which Syria almost reconquered in the Yom Kippur War. Successive Israeli governments since 1967 said as much. Begin himself disclosed that the goal of applying Israeli law to the Golan was spelled out in Likud's platform.

• Philip Habib's unsuccessful efforts to dislodge Syrian ground-to-air missiles from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley must have played a role in Israel's decision.

On his last visit to Damascus in early December, the Syrians informed Habib — the Reagan administration's special envoy to the Middle East — that the removal of the missiles — which Israel has demanded since the spring — are not negotiable. The move may well have been Israel's reply to the Syrians.

• Begin despaired of reaching a peace agreement with Syria, whose leader was quoted by a Kuwaiti newspaper as saying he would not recognize Israel even if the PLO did. Assad, as well, rejected Saudi Arabia's 8-point peace plan, ostensibly because clause 7 implied recognition of Israel.

• He wanted to test Egyptian intentions toward the peace treaty. So far, the Egyptians have passed the exam with flying colors. They have no motivation to anger Israel before it is scheduled to withdraw from the Sinai on April 25. After that, Egypt's hands may not be tied.

• Begin, facing pressure from militant settlers in the Sinai not to evacuate the last portion of the peninsula, may have acted in the Golan to deflect their rage. It is a tactic that may work. Begin may have also divided the Labor Party, since many of the Jews living on the plateau are Laborites.

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Gersht, Gideon, on Dec. 14/81, late of 12 Forest Ridge Dr.
Klevitsky, Ruvim, on Dec. 12/81, 6250 Bathurst St., #110.
Levenspil, Abraham, on Dec. 7/81, late of 504 Crawford St.
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Havkin, Anna, on Dec. 13/81, late of 3 Goldfinch Ct., #1108.
Kushner, Eve, on Dec. 9/81, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
Kruh, Leon, on Dec. 11/81, late of 360 Ridelle Ave. #914.
Lubek, Hilda, on Dec. 13/81, late of 26 Uplands Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
Morris, Samuel, on Dec. 13/81, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd.
Ritz, Irwin, on Dec. 8/81, late of 77 St. Clair Ave. E.
Rosen, Irving, on Dec. 13/81, late of 6200 Bathurst St., #802.
Shecter, Hyman, on Dec. 7/81, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Shukyn, Annie, on Dec. 9/81, late of Baycrest Hospital.
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

No matter if it's winter, spring, summer or fall when it's Canadians and tennis they know all

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

In the summer months, millions of Canadians go tennis mad. They play the game, they watch the game and they talk about the game with their playing and non-playing friends.

But when winter comes along and the big events of the season are over with, the talk seems to die down. However, all that seems to be changing and two of the people responsible for the change are Sid Shapira and Pam Gollish.

Both work for Tennis Canada, the national tennis organization that represents, develops and promotes the interests of Canadian tennis players of all ages and skills.

Tennis Canada is almost 100 years old, but in the past few years, its growth has really taken off. Last year, for example, there were 2.4 million tennis players in Canada, while nine years earlier there were only 750,000 players.

All these players want to know what's happening with the game and that's where Gollish and Shapira come in.

The day Sports Scene visited with them was the first snowy, cold day in Toronto. It prompted Shapira to ask: "How can you think of tennis at this time of year?" And then, answering his own question he replied: "It's my job to make you think of tennis at this time of year."

Shapira is Tennis Canada's public relations man and he is responsible for keeping in touch with the media and advising them of what is going on in tournaments, teen development, big events and new programs. "I also let them know how Canadians are doing in various events around the world."

He admits that his job is a great deal slower in the winter, and that spare time affords him the opportunity of working on the programs that will be coming up the following summer.

Shapira has had a long relationship with tennis although he admits he never really played the game too seriously. He has played for a long time, and in the past he has taught tennis in his native Winnipeg. ("That's why Manitoba tennis is so good.") Shapira, a journalism grad from Ryerson, also covered tennis for the Winnipeg Tribune and then reported on the odd event for The Globe and Mail in Toronto.

Pam Gollish, who serves as the program coordinator for Tennis Canada, is one of the top female tennis players in the country. She has represented Canada at the Maccabiah Games on three separate occasions, going for the first time when she was 17 years old.

"I'm in charge of administering recreational programs across the country," Gollish said, "events like the Buick Challenge for adults mixed doubles and the Pepsi-Wilson Minor Tennis League where tennis is brought to 25 sites across Canada to kids who normally wouldn't be exposed to the game."

Gollish said the staff of Tennis Canada is growing all the time and before she and Shapira got there, only two people ran the entire operation. Now there are nine full time employees. She said "the popularity of tennis has leveled off . . . but it's still growing."

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Peter Sewell, of the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre's phys ed department, informs Sports Scene that its fitness testing program has been revamped. "We want to be known as a fitness centre and we're organizing a medical advisory committee," he said.

Sewell said he hopes to get a physician, a cardiologist, an orthopedic surgeon, a chiropractor and a therapist on the committee. He added that sports information clinics are being arranged to educate the recreational athlete.

"Ten or 15 years ago," Sewell said, "most people didn't even put on a pair of shoes to jog. Now, they want knowledge even if they're at the recreational level.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Pam Gollish and Sid Shapira of Tennis Canada.

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Toronto sports fans will be happy to know that Mark Hebscher will be returning to the airwaves, beginning Jan. 4, on CKEY. He was formerly with CJCL where he was the host of a sports phone-in show, but CKEY is taking over that show. It will be heard five nights a week from 6.05 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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A Fistfull of Sugar, by Alan Goldstein (Academic Press Canada, $16.95) tells of the career of boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard.

The present holder of the world welterweight crown, Leonard is still in the prime of his career and he probably has many good years to come. But still, his past does warrant a book.

Leonard's is a true success story; it's the story of a kid who fought his way out of the ghetto.

Leonard became the darling of the fans at the 1976 Olympic Games, in Montreal, when he won the gold medal and he has retained that adoration throughout his professional career, which was 28 wins (19 by knockout) and one loss at the time of writing the book.

Few sports journalists know more about boxing than Goldstein, who has covered the fights for more than 20 years. He is a sports columnist for the Baltimore Sun and has followed Leonard's career since the beginning.

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Chicago 58 is more than hot dogs, salami - 90 different products are dispatched to stores

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

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In the Lippincott St. plant near Bathurst and College, spanking clean stainless steel machines are soaking, grinding, mixing, chopping, curing, smoking and packaging pounds upon pounds of the finest deli.

Sausages — cocktail, thin, medium and long — are smoked to pinky perfection and blended with the most aromatic seasonings — a secret concoction. So are salami, bologna, pepperoni, pickled tongue and brisket, roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, beef fry and smoked turkey.

Not to speak of the new herring and pickle line, which has swelled recently to 45 different products, including fillets in wine and creamed sauce, bismark fillets, whole pickled herring rollmops, schmaltz herring and two new items — Bar Mitzvah sweet pickled herring and Party Pack, a combination of fillets, rollmops and lunch herring.

Other Chicago 58 items include pickles, olives, horseradish, dill tomatoes, sweet pimento and hot banana peppers, sauerkraut, pickled beets and eggs, barbecue and seafood sauce and mustard.

Five trucks dispatch a total of 90 products daily to such major supermarket chains as Miracle Mart, Dominion, Loblaws, Food City, Safeway, major hotels and such popular delis as Pancer's. The Pickle Barrel Restaurant Delicatessen and Charlie C. On a limited scale, the company is expanding across Western Canada.

Sid Starkman, 56, a bulky gent and father of four daughters who obviously enjoys his own product, runs the plant and ensured quality control. His brother-in-law and co-partners, Harold Bernholtz and Max Reiken are involved in sales.

"We have always been a family-run business," explains Starkman, who has worked in the plant 37 years. "At one time, three uncles, now deceased, were also involved." Starkman's wife, Yittie, has worked full-time on and off for the past 36 years. Their son-in-law, Moishe Ami, a sabra, is now apprenticing.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Max Reiken [left]; Sid Starkman and Harold Bernholtz are the owners of Chicago 58 Food Products.

Chicago 58, a wholesale manufacturer, was founded 58 years ago by Starkman's father-in-law, David Bernholtz. Bernholtz worked at the plant until he died 15 years ago. His widow, Bella, now 82, is president of the company.

Known as Union Kosher Sausage Company back in 1923, the plant was located on Parliament St. for two years before relocating to its present address. The name was later changed to Chicago—58 Food Products, says Starkman, because kosher meat at that time came from Chicago; 58 refers to the Lippincott address. The plant remained kosher until 1960.

"We are the oldest all-beef manufacturing plant in the city," claims Starkman, "and the first Jewish sausage plant to be unionized under the Canadian Food and Allied Workers Union."

The plant is an unimposing 12,000 square foot, two-storey building on a narrow one-way street. In fact, it's a large, old, red-brick house — the kind that appears ready for renovation. But it's not a private residence as are the other homes on the block. A bold Chicago 58 sign overpowers and a smoking chimney sends puffs of pleasing deli aromas into the ethnic neighborhood.

"Families are eating deli products more than ever before," notes Starkman, who remembers making wieners by hand when he apprenticed 37 years ago under the stern eye of his father-in-law. "With women becoming busier outside the home, it's a quick and tasty meal at your local deli and a satisfying meal to serve at home."

Deli products appeal to a wide market and are not confined exclusively to Jews, Starkman says. "We wouldn't be able to stay in business if only Jews ate our meats." He admits, however, that the herring and pickle line appeal more to "ethnic tastes."

Over the years, Chicago 58 products have expanded significantly and so has the staff. Currently, 20 people are employed.

In a single week, more than 10,000 pounds of hot dogs, 7,000 pounds of salami and 15,000 pounds of corned and smoked beef are prepared and dispatched to local retailers.

A federal government inspector is on the premises at all times to ensure cleanliness and top quality. "We want him here to keep our standards high," said Starkman, who is past chairman of the United Israel Appeal of Ontario and past president of Adath Israel Congregation.

And how does this master sausage maker enjoy his hot dogs?

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